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Project Ayudu aims to raise \$150,000

Tan Holdings and Tan Siu Lin Foundation launched Project Ayudu yesterday with the hopes of raising \$150,000 to assist in the recovery efforts on Saipan in the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor.

Ayudu is a Chamorro word that means "to help" and under the project, which was initiated by Tan

Holdings president Jerry Tan, the foundation will be selling shirts that commemorate the impact of the destructive typhoon that hit Saipan last Aug. 2, with all sales going to CNMI CARE (Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts) and the Housing Task Force.

Tan led the launching of Project

Ayudu at the Governor's Office conference room with no less than Gov. Eloy S. Inos attending the event, along with leaders and representatives of United4Saipan, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Triple J Wholesale, IT&E, and Marianas Young Professionals.

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos, seated third from right, attends the launching of Tan Holdings and TSL Foundation's Project Ayudu yesterday at the Governor's Office conference room on Capitol Hill. Representatives of CNMI CARE-member organizations were also present at the launching. ROSELYN MONROYO

Halted budget talks draw Inos' concern

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Fiscal year 2016 budget talks have halted as the House of Representatives await a formal opinion from the CNMI Attorney General on whether several Senate provisions within a contentious budget bill violate the NMI Constitution.

» **Inos preparing 'alternatives' if no budget by Sep. 31; wants two weeks to review bill**

The House and Senate are locked in disagreement over the Senate's proposed use of earmarked funds set aside for the Marianas Visitors Authority. The House maintains this moving around of \$2.5 million is unconstitutional; the Senate says it is within their legislative authority.

But even if the House receives the
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Remembering 9/11

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"It hit home. I lost friends."

Stephen DeBlasio Sr., who is on Saipan as the Federal Emergency Management Agency's federal coor-

dinating officer after Typhoon Soudelor, was part of the FEMA team who responded to the 9/11 attack 14 years ago today.

According to DeBlasio, he arrived in New York City the Wednesday

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PSS: 9,800 students and counting

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REPORTER

With two more days left before public elementary schools on Saipan open this Monday, Sept. 14, more than 9,800 students are already enrolled both in high school and elementary.

After interviewing various elementary school principals on Saipan, *Saipan Tribune* counted a total of 3,758 elementary students as of yesterday. However, registration is still ongoing and the numbers are expected to grow.

As of Sept. 8, middle schools and high schools on Saipan had a total of 5,072 students. This population count is also expected to grow.

Tinian's elementary and junior, senior high schools have recorded a total of 607 students, while Rota's elementary and junior, senior high schools have a total of 433 students, according to PSS.

Elementary schools

According to principal Leila Yumul, Garapan Elementary School has about 800 students as of yesterday.

Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School principal Raena Bermudes said they have a total of 316 students. Kagman Elementary School has 355 students so far, according to principal Dr. Ignacia Demapan. Koblerville Elemen-

tary School principal Rizalina Liwag said they have 608 students.

Interim Oleai Elementary School principal Jasylene Parico said they have 459 students. San Vicente Elementary School principal Paulette Sablan said they have 620, but numbers are growing, while William S. Reyes Elementary School principal Naomi Nishimura said they have more than 600 students.

All principals confirmed that these aren't actual numbers.

Nishimura said they expect as much as 700 students going to WSR by Monday, Sept. 14. Sablan also expects the number of students at her school to increase.

As of Aug. 25, Tinian Elementary School had a total of 315, while Rota's Sinapalo Elementary School counted 209 students. Overall PSS has more than 4,280 elementary students so far.

Middle, high schools by the numbers

Marianas High School has the largest number of students as of Sept. 8, with 1,530; about 435 of these are freshmen.

Kagman High School reported a total of 640 students, with a little over 200 freshmen. Saipan Southern High School reported a total of 933 students; about 270 are freshmen.

Hopwood Junior High School has the highest number of students among middle schools as

of Sept. 8, with 895 enrolled. Dandan Middle School has 352 students so far. San Antonio Middle School had a total of 293, while Chacha Oceanview, said they have a total of 260. Tanapag has the lowest population with only 169 students.

Tinian Junior Senior High School has a total of 292 students, while Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior Senior High has a total of 224, according to PSS. Overall PSS has more than 5,580 junior high and high school students so far.

Middle and high schools on Saipan are on their first week, while elementary schools will be starting this Monday, Sept. 14. The CNMI Head Start program will start on Sept. 21.

Enough teachers for now
Saipan Tribune counted a total of 203 teachers as of yesterday for elementary schools on Saipan alone. These include regular classroom teachers, special education, and/or teaching assistants.

All elementary school principals confirmed that they have enough teachers. Garapan has 48; GTC, 16; KagES, 19; KobES, 24; Oleai, 32 (including teacher assistants); San Vicente, 37 (includes teacher assistants); and WSR, 27.

For middle and high schools: MHS has 45; KHS, 31; SSHS, 32; Hopwood, 43; Chacha Oceanview, 14; San Antonio, 12; Tanapag, more than 10; and Dandan, 20.

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Man gets 3-day prison term for DUI, hitting pedestrian

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The driver of a pickup truck that hit and seriously injured a man who was crossing Isa Drive in San Vicente last March pleaded guilty yesterday to driving under the influence of alcohol and was slapped with a three-day prison term.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho sentenced Rainaldo Santos Agulto to 30 days in prison, all suspended except for three days. Agulto, 52, was given credit for 12 hours.

He was ordered to start serving his sentence today, Friday, at 8am.

Agulto was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine, \$100 probation fee, and \$25 in court assessment fee. His driver's license was suspended for 30 days.

After serving his sentence, he will be on probation for one year. He was required to perform 50 hours of community service and pay restitution to the victim for medical expenses.

Agulto had a blood alcohol content of .167 when the incident happened on March 1, 2015, at 8:01pm. The legal BAC limit is .08.

Government prosecutors had recommended a sentence of one

year in prison—the maximum end of the sentencing range.

Assistant attorney general Emily Cohen said that Agulto's disrespect for the safety of other persons on the road and the seriousness of the victim's injuries demands that the sentence must reflect the serious consequences of his actions.

Agulto was driving along Isa Drive after attending a family barbecue when his truck hit Manuel Camacho. The victim sustained serious injuries, including damage to the brain, Cohen said.

The prosecutor said the hospital records state that the victim is "now dealing with a traumatic brain injury and probable long-term frontal lobe effects."

"Mr. Camacho's life will never be the same because Mr. Agulto chose to drive that night," Cohen said.

At yesterday's hearing, however, the victim himself testified in support for a lenient sentence. He stated, among other things, that he and his family have already forgiven Agulto.

Several lawyers also testified, attesting to Agulto's good behavior and professional work as a process server, among other things.

In his statement, Agulto begged the court for forgiveness

and leniency.

"I am a changed person. My relationship with Mr. Camacho has changed, and I will strive to be a better citizen, friend, father, and grandfather, despite the heavy emotional burden I will carry as a consequence of the accident," he said.

The victim is Agulto's wife's second cousin.

Agulto admitted drinking between 32 and 38 cans of beer in a three-day period from Feb. 27 to March 1. Agulto was driving his truck on his way home to Capital Hill when he accidentally struck Camacho at the traffic light near the San Vicente Church.

Agulto said the following day after he was released from jail, he and his family went to the hospital to check on Camacho, who at that time was in the intensive care unit.

Agulto said Camacho's siblings and other family members were in the hospital.

"I sincerely apologized to them and asked them to forgive me because it was an accident," he said.

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IT&E: Fiber optic cable strong for another 32 years

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REPORTER

IT&E's undersea fiber optic cable, through which the CNMI communicates with the outside world, can last for another three decades, or 32 years—given proper maintenance in the waters between Guam and Saipan, says Jim Oehlerking, CEO of IT&E's parent company, PTI.

In a statement this week, the telecommunications firm sought to correct "erroneous statements" concerning the durability of their undersea fiber

optic cable between the CNMI and Guam.

Last July, IT&E's undersea cable was "cut," triggering a telecommunications blackout in the CNMI. The event has prompted the Federal Communications Commission—the body that oversees telecommunications in the U.S.—to consider regulations to have companies submit reports on significant outages in their cable system.

In their statement, IT&E explains that long distance undersea cable systems utilize

electronic repeaters, which generally limits overall life expectancy to approximately 25 years. These repeaters sometimes fail and/or the systems become uneconomical to operate and the systems are retired in favor of new systems, but because of the shorter distance between the CNMI and Guam, IT&E operates an unrepeatable cable system between Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam.

"Industry sources assure us that unrepeatable cables, like IT&E's undersea cable, have two to three times the normal

life expectancy of repeated cable systems. The undersea cable has been in operation for the last 18 years and, according to industry experts, is expected to last an additional 32 years with proper maintenance," said Oehlerking.

IT&E conducts scheduled annual inspections and maintenance on its cable system and utilizes the latest optical equipment to provision service. IT&E says they are also committed to its cable operations by maintaining spare fiber cable and equipment on site in

the event of a contingency. The most recent repair was accomplished with on-site equipment from IT&E inventory.

IT&E has signed multi-year maintenance agreements with both TE Subcom, the company that completed the most recent repair, and local provider CALPAC to assure continued operations well into the future. CALPAC just completed a full inspection of all of the submarine cable landing locations on Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam.

"Plans are in progress for at least doubling our redundant network capacity, to allow for ongoing operations for critical government, and enterprise services in the unlikely event of any future undersea cable service interruptions," Oehlerking said.

Cable cut not 'age' related

IT&E said the recent fiber cut was related not to the age of the fiber but rather the fact that the armored casing, which had previously been replaced in 2008, had come free from the reef during the storm surge and was

subsequently damaged by the pounding surf.

"The armored casing and fiber cable inside on the Saipan landing has been upgraded and replaced, reinforced and is entirely new thus, assuring years of continued use. The repair was made as quickly as possible and without hesitation. The total cost of the repair exceeded \$2 million, which demonstrates IT&E's continued commitment to customer service and the CNMI. IT&E will continue with such investments in the future and is in the process of a major wireless upgrade for the CNMI, which will be announced shortly," their statement read.

"Due to the quality of the cable we have installed, our maintenance policies and our regular inspections of all sections of the cable, we fully expect our cable to have a much longer than normal life span," said Oehlerking.

"IT&E spends significant money, work hours and other resources every year to ensure that our undersea cable provides the highest quality service to all of our customers in all of the islands in our market for the longest possible time and we will continue to do so," he said.

BUDGET

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AG opinion today, they would still need to wait three days after announcing their next meeting to reconvene budget talks per the Open Government Act. Both the Senate and House agreed they would abide by the OGA guidelines when they adopted their conference committee ground rules last week.

The fiscal year cliff is less than three weeks away. A new fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

The bicameral committee debating two competing versions of the budget need the majority of six votes—as the House and Senate have three lawmakers each on the committee—to adopt a budget for Gov. Eloy S. Inos' signature.

Both sides remain locked on one main point of contention: the re-appropriation of earmarked funds that Inos identified as separate from the \$145 million figure he capped as "subject to appropriations."

Inos told reporters, after a press event for donations received from the Governor of Guam, that he would need at least "two weeks" to review a budget sent to him by the Legislature.

The fiscal year cliff has been on the minds of lawmakers and the governor, especially as a partial government shutdown would be an unpopular direction to take amidst the ongoing recovery efforts after Typhoon Soudelor left Saipan in a state of disaster over a month ago.

A partial government shut-

down would leave essential services like the hospital and Department of Public Safety open.

Inos told reporters, though, that he has "options."

"I've got alternatives. I've got options. Of course, they are all constitutional..." the governor said.

He did not elaborate on these "alternatives" but the governor may have been referring to the authority he currently has via the executive order declaring the CNMI in a state of significant disaster.

Then-acting governor Ralph Torres executed the first order after Typhoon Soudelor tore across the island, causing the local power grid to collapse and leaving government agencies and residents reeling in the wake of the typhoon's destruction.

Inos renewed this executive order last week. The governor still has control of all CNMI finances and revenues, or "government resources" under this order. If the Legislature remains locked in an impasse over a budget, the governor could—after consulting the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the CNMI attorney general—choose to continue government operations within this authority and renew the executive order again for a second time if necessary to avoid the closure of government operations.

The order is good for 30 days.

Each day the government is over the fiscal cliff without a government budget, about \$50,000 heads back into the pockets of the Department of Fi-

nance, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

When asked if he thought the Senate's use of the MVA funds went beyond his \$145 million "cap" set for appropriations, Inos said, "I think so. ... But I haven't really seen any kind of close to final product, simply because I think it's a very fluid document right now."

Pointing to the end of the fiscal year, Inos hopes that this is "impetus enough" for lawmakers to "resolve the impasse."

It's unclear if the House received the AG opinion late yesterday afternoon. An opinion was at least not communicated to the House before 2pm yesterday, when *Saipan Tribune* inquired.

"Personally, I don't feel an AG opinion is warranted," said House Speaker Joseph P. DeLeon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) in an interview at his office. "Simply because the issue is governed by the Planning and Budgeting Act."

"The earmarked funds were not identified by the governor for appropriation. In order for the Legislature to appropriate that figure, the governor would first have to identify those funds as available for appropriations. And only the governor has that authority; the Legislature cannot identify funds for appropriation."

"So absent the governor identifying it, it cannot be touched," Guerrero said. "This is an appropriation bill and those funds are not subject to appropriation. I think had the governor wanted those funds to be appropriated... he would have identified it in his submission. If he had a need for it to be appropriated, he would have identified it."

CNMI CARE is composed of various non-government, non-profit, faith-based organizations and foundations, and private companies and was established early this month to focus on long-term recovery efforts on Saipan.

"We can't thank enough the TSL Foundation for putting together this project in such a short time. The project will be very helpful as we begin assisting families in rebuilding their homes," CNMI CARE interim facilitator Gerri Willis said.

Pre-selling of the commemorative shirts started last week and more than 3,000 have already been sold on Saipan alone. They are available in different colors and sizes and can be purchased at Shirley's

"... It should be clear that it cannot be appropriated," the House speaker went on to say. "This should not even be an issue."

Guerrero also acknowledged that the Senate's measure exceeds the \$145 million set by the House concurrent resolution that both the Senate and House adopted.

This resolution "sets the spending ceiling," Guerrero said.

Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Saipan), Senate fiscal committee chair and Senate chairman for the budget committee, disagrees.

"We did not increase the \$145 [million]. We did not take the two-and-a-half million and put it in the \$145 [million budget]," Hofschneider said yesterday.

"... We see the potential that [MVA] has to make potentially \$12 million for fiscal year 2016. In lieu of that, we ask that you use some of that to... assist other agencies," Hofschneider said.

"Given the circumstances that some agencies are in dire, desperate need of help... we looked at alternatives and see that other agencies actually have surplus," Hofschneider said.

MVA has said this is "unconstitutional," but to this, Hofschneider said they are working within "their authority as legislators."

Hofschneider emphasized that the Legislature should be cautioned on asking the attorney general for an opinion "especially on issues such as this one," with a budget law still in the works.

He emphasized that the Legislature should "trust in the guidance" of their legal counsels.

Coffee Shop (Susupe and Garapan branches), JP Center Building, I Shop at Fiesta Resort and Kanoa Resort, Triple J Wholesale/Truckload, Triple J Motors (Guam and Saipan), IT&E (Guam and Saipan), Joeten (Susupe and Garapan), and Century Hotel starting on Monday.

More than 800 shirts will be given away to first responders after the typhoon in recognition of their hard work and commitment to help people in need. These shirts are sponsored by Tan family members.

"The shirt will remind us not only about the super typhoon that rammed our island, but also Saipan's resolve to rise from challenges through the collective effort of our community members," Tan said. (PR)

9/11

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morning following Sept. 11, 2001, and served as the logistics section chief.

"It fell on me to handle the donations," DeBlasio told *Saipan Tribune*.

Trailer loads of stuff were delivered to them and DeBlasio said it was a challenge to distribute them as they didn't want to congest the roads and bridges.

"Because of the contamination, any vehicle needed to be decontaminated and completely washed down," DeBlasio said.

They also set up command posts around Ground Zero and leased three piers—Pier 90, 92, and 94—where they set up their centers.

He said communication was completely destroyed during that time and most of them communicated through satellite phones.

"It was a massive operation," DeBlasio said, noting how responding to the emergency was a whole community effort.

FEMA had its share of criticisms with its response to the 9/11 attack and that led to several internal changes at the agency soon after. Within months, it focused FEMA on issues of national preparedness and homeland security. Billions of dollars of new funding were directed to FEMA to help communities face the threat of terrorism.

On March 1, 2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which for DeBlasio was a good thing as it gave them great change as well as capacity.

Despite the 9/11 attack being a big security issue right in the heart of the U.S. mainland and Typhoon Soudelor causing a natural disaster in a U.S. territory out here in the Western Pacific, DeBlasio said FEMA's approach to each emergency is the same and that it's their re-

sponsibility to be here.

"We respond with the same level of compassion," DeBlasio said. "We certainly want to do right by our citizens."

He noted that Saipan was prepared as best as it could be as the island didn't suffer any loss of life despite the damage that Soudelor wrought and that made the event "a little less painful."

According to Marvin Seman, special assistant for Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the CNMI is prepared for eventualities. Even though the Commonwealth has its limitations, with its partners in the federal as well as in neighboring islands such as Guam, it is better equipped.

"We are in a sense prepared," Seman said. "We have the mechanism."

Despite the communications breakdown the CNMI experienced in July because of a damaged fiber optic cable, Seman said the islands weren't really that vulnerable because they have the means—and were able—to communicate with their partners.

Honoring 9/11

With 9/11's spirit in mind, Seman said, "Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the servicemen."

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres also honored the victims and heroes of the 9/11 attack in a statement yesterday.

"On this 14th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, we remember those who lost their lives on that fateful day and take measure of our own lives—our stresses and disappointments—against a tragedy, which ended so many. In the anniversary of tragedy, we celebrate freedom. And in mourning loss, we commemorate life," the statement said.

"And this year, more than most, we honor the spirit of resilience in the face of disaster," it added.

AYUDU

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"Thank you to Tan Holdings, TSL Foundation, and the various groups who continue to work together to help our island recover from Typhoon Soudelor," Inos said.

Tan Holdings vice president and Project Ayudu manager Alex Sablan said the TSL Foundation will shoulder the \$80,000 needed to purchase and print the 10,000 shirts that will be sold.

"TSL Foundation's Project Ayudu was created to generate \$150,000 from the sales of shirts at \$15 each," Sablan added.

"We thought of this project to get more people in our community involved. I know a lot

of people were and are still affected by the typhoon, but if there's a way to help, they will be willing to do so. Not everyone can donate \$100 or more, but I am sure a lot can share \$15 in exchange for a nice shirt. The TSL Foundation is taking the initiative, but in the end, everyone who purchase the shirts will help accomplish the mission of the project," Tan said.

All the sales from the shirt will go into a special account that will be spent in conjunction with CNMI CARE and the Housing Task Force on ancillary items such as nails, hammers, and mortars to name a few construction supplies that are needed in rebuilding the homes of typhoon victims, according to Sablan.

HANDSHAKES ALL AROUND

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Best Sunshine International, Ltd. executives and Empty Vessel Ministry volunteers have collaborated for a common cause: to help the needy. Best Sunshine International CEO Mark Brown and CSO Tao Xing met the group yesterday as part of the company's commitment to foster linkages and partnership to support the community's needs.

REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS

Soudelor survivors should still register for FEMA assistance

All those who sustained damage from Typhoon Soudelor should register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. If you are unsure of your eligibility, FEMA will walk you through the process when you register.

FEMA Individual Assistance is available to U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals, and qualified aliens who have disaster-related damages on Saipan. The majority of qualified aliens are those with legal permanent residence (commonly called "green cards"), but there are other types of statuses that fit the definition of "qualified alien."

The definition of qualified alien, by law, does **NOT** include temporary workers living on the island. However, any applicant, including CW-1: CNMI-Only Transitional Workers, who has a qualifying person—such as a minor child who is a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien—in their household may be eligible for FEMA assistance.

Regardless of worker classification or immigration status, all survivors are eligible for short-term, non-cash, in-kind emergency disaster relief programs such as:

- Assistance from voluntary agencies;
- FEMA Community Service Programs, such as Disaster

Legal Services and Crisis Counseling;

- Emergency assistance, such as emergency food and water; and

■ Emergency food stamps. Even when applicants are found ineligible for certain assistance because of their immigration status, an applicant specialist will discuss their unmet needs and refer them to programs run by voluntary organizations that may be able to provide assistance.

"It's much better to register," said Federal Coordinating Officer Stephen M. DeBlasio Sr. "If applicants turn out to be ineligible, registering has cost them nothing but a very small amount of time. If survivors who would have been eligible do not register, they stand to lose whatever assistance we might have been able to give them—including referrals to other organizations."

Survivors are encouraged to apply for assistance by calling 800-621-3362 or (TTY) 800-462-7585. Those who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services can call 800-621-3362 to register. Online registration is also available at www.DisasterAssistance.gov. Business owners can also contact the U.S. Small Business Administration Customer Service Center 800-659-2955. (FEMA)



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Cab driver who rammed 2 women gets 56-day sentence

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Amrita Lal Sarker, the cab driver who struck and seriously injured two women who were standing near the gate of Eucon International University in Gualo Rai and caused minor injuries to his four passengers in July, pleaded guilty yesterday

to reckless driving with bodily injury and was slapped with a 56-day prison term.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho gave the 39-year-old Sarker credit for 56 days of time served. That means Sarker will no longer serve prison time.

As part of the plea deal, the Office of the Attorney General

dropped the remaining charges of speeding, failing to exercise due care while driving a vehicle, and failing to yield the right of way to pedestrians crossing the marked crosswalk.

Sarker was ordered to pay a \$25 court assessment fee.

The court was supposed to hear yesterday the government's motion that seeks to allow video

teleconferencing of an essential witness at trial.

According to assistant attorney general Emily Cohen, all witnesses to Sarker's driving were Chinese tourists and have since left Saipan for China.

Without a witness to testify to Sarker's driving, the government will be unable to prove its case at trial, Cohen said.

She requested that the witness be allowed to testify through live video-teleconferencing via Skype.

Assistant public defender Tillman Clark served as counsel for Sarker.

Sarker was allegedly speeding and had swerved to avoid hitting pedestrians who were crossing the crosswalk along Chalan Pale Arnold in Gualo Rai on the night of July 16, re-

sulting in the car mowing down two women who were standing near the gate of Eucon.

Li Chen, 51, one of two women, was last reported in critical condition and was flown to Beijing, China, on July 21 for an operation and further medical treatment.

Chen and the other woman, Zhang Hong Li, were training to become educators at Eucon, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Mail theft suspect pleads not guilty

Randy A. Sablan has pleaded not guilty to allegations that he stole mail packages that contained two iPads and two iPhones.

Sablan, through counsel, waived the formal advisement of his constitutional rights and the reading of the charges against him.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge David O. Carter set the jury trial for Nov. 2, 2015.

Assistant U.S. attorney Ross Naughton appeared for the government.

The information charged Sablan with two counts of unauthor-

ized mail opening and one count of misuse of postal property.

Naughton filed the information after asking the court to dismiss the indictment filed against Sablan in April over the same incidents.

The indictment charged Sablan with mail theft and two counts of obstruction of mail.

According to the informa-

tion, on Nov. 19, 2012, Sablan opened a package that was not directed to him. The package contained two iPads.

On April 28, 2013, Sablan opened a package that was addressed to a certain postal box. The package contained two iPhones. The defendant allegedly stole the two iPhones. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

New student registration begins next week at NMC

The fall 2015 semester registration process for Northern Marianas College will enter its second phase as new and re-admitted students can begin registering for classes next week Monday, Sept. 14. Earlier this week and continuing on to Friday, Sept. 11, current or ongoing students were given the opportunity to sign up for classes.

Because of the ongoing recovery efforts, the dates for the fall 2015 semester had been postponed from their original schedule. The first day of class is now on Sept. 28, 2015.

"Our employees have been hard at work the past few weeks to ensure that our typhoon recovery efforts are moving along quickly," said NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart. "I am very proud of their commitment to ensuring that our students have a safe and comfortable learning environment."

"We look forward to welcoming our students back as they register for the fall 2015 semester," she added.

According to Leo Pangelinan, dean of Student Services, advisers and student services will be available the next three weeks at the college's Building A to

assist with registration. The site will also host the CNMI Scholarship Office in an effort to help students complete their applications by the Sept. 30 deadline.

Other key dates for the fall 2015 semester include:

■ Sept. 14-25: Registration for new, readmitted, and ongoing students (8am-5pm - Open registration period - first come, first-serve basis)

■ Sept. 14 at 1pm: English placement test (International Students)

■ Sept. 15 at 9am: Math placement test (International Students)

■ Sept. 11 at 9am: Orientation for new and readmitted students

■ Sept. 12 at 9am: Orientation for new and readmitted students

■ Sept. 14 at 9am: Orientation for international students

■ Sept. 28, 2015: First day of classes:

■ Dec. 19, 2015: Last day of classes:

■ Dec. 21-24, 2015: Final exam week for fall 2015:

For more information about the college's fall 2015 semester, email oar@marianas.edu or call 234-5484. (*NMC*)

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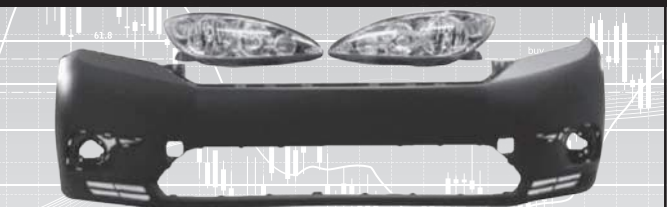
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Village debris removal to commence soon

In the coming days, a multi-departmental group of debris removal specialists will be entering villages around Saipan with the intent of clearing any debris within residential areas left behind by the devastation of Typhoon Soudelor.

The team, composed of staff from agencies such as the

Saipan Mayor's Office, the Department of Public Works, and the Department of Lands and Natural Resources are working to get residents prepared to set aside all debris that each of them accumulated as part of cleanup efforts after Soudelor battered the island with near 100-mph winds, leaving most

of the island scarred and littered with storm-related refuse.

Crews are looking at a tentative date of Sept. 15, 2015, to commence the project. Depending on circumstances, organizers stated that despite this being designated as the start date, the task may start either earlier or later. As the date nears, workers

are stressing to the general public that should they need their storm-related debris picked up, they must adhere to the following guidelines:

■ Due to government vehicles not being allowed to enter private property without domiciliary consent, residents are asked to place debris alongside the right of way

portion of their village streets.

■ Residents are also asked to separate debris into three categories:

Green waste and vegetation (Tree limbs, stumps, shrubs etc.)

Metal-based debris (tin, aluminum siding, etc.)

Treated wood/lumber

■ No household waste will be

picked up by the team that is not related to storm cleanup.

■ If debris is not segregated into the above-mentioned categories, cleanup crews will not dispose of them.

This project is being undertaken in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Should residents need more information on village debris removal, they are urged to contact the:

■ Saipan Mayor's Office at 234-6208

■ Department of Public Works (Solid Waste Management Division) at 322-2745 or 2760

■ Department of Lands and Natural Resources (Parks & Recreation) at 234-1791 (*Joint Information Center*)

Marianas delegates back Iran nuclear agreement

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The delegates representing the Mariana Islands—Madeleine Z. Bordallo of Guam and Gregorio Kili-li C. Sablan of the Northern Mariana Islands—issued



Bordallo



Sablan

yesterday the following statement in support of the Iran Nuclear Agreement:

"As representatives of the people of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, we understand the dangers when hostile nations are able to obtain nuclear weapons. Our islands live under the threat of North Korean nuclear weapons.

"With that understanding we support the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, now under consideration by Congress, as the best available means to prevent the Islamic Republic of Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons. The JCPOA provides the United States and our allies with mechanisms to monitor and verify Iran's compliance. The agreement has the support of the international community. And the JCPOA represents an opportunity to avoid direct military conflict with Iran.

"We have reviewed the agreement and have been briefed by Secretary of State

John Kerry and Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz, who led the U.S. negotiating team. We find their explanations of the agreement's details and arguments in favor of adoption to be compelling.

"It is important to recognize, however, that the agreement was not a unilateral effort by the United States, but rather was achieved in concert with the other P5+1 nations—the United Kingdom, France, Russia, China, and Germany. Our partner nations all have a vested interest in an Iran free of nuclear weapons and find the agreement acceptable. To believe that these countries will continue to impose economic sanctions on Iran or agree to re-negotiate the agreement, should it be rejected by Congress, ignores political reality. As former secretary of State Colin Powell stated that '...they're all going to be moving forward. We're going to be standing in the sidelines.'

America does not belong on the sidelines.

"Lastly, we believe that diplomacy is always preferable to a military solution. Many men and women from the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam have willingly given their lives or been wounded in service to our country. And Secretary of

Defense Ash Carter has noted that '...nothing in the Iran deal constrains the U.S. Defense Department in any way or its ability to carry out such a mission.' Military options remain viable should Iran violate the agreement, but we owe it to our service men and women only to put them at risk, when diplo-

macy fails.

"While we cannot vote on the floor of the House of Representatives, it is our responsibility to make our position on an issue of such importance known to our constituents and to our nation. We support the JCPOA and urge our colleagues to reject the resolution of disapproval." (PR)



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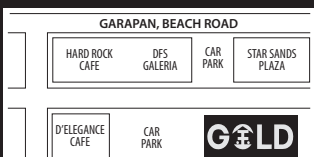
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Members of NMC's School of Education's Rehabilitation & Human Services cohort recently pooled their personal funds to purchase food and drinks that were distributed at typhoon shelters in Kagman and at the Man'amko Center. The class is planning another donation drive soon.

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MTEC readies for school outreach

The Marianas Tourism Education Council will begin its annual fall outreach next month, taking its message of the importance of tourism to hundreds of students at public elementary schools, with plans to continue outreach to junior and senior high schools in the spring.

"The MTEC education outreach will focus on the contribution of tourism to the islands' economic wellbeing," said MTEC chair Vicky Benavente. "The challenge we now face is, in what way do we present this information to the students, many of whom may not have electricity or potable water in their homes due to the impact of Typhoon Soudelor. I understand these are difficult circumstances, but I encourage all businesses to demonstrate leadership and responsibility by joining the efforts of MTEC—directly

or indirectly—and assist in strengthening the education outreach in all NMI schools."

Last year MTEC visited 18 schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in partnership with the Marianas Visitors Authority.

"We are again looking forward to working with MTEC on sharing the very important message that 'Tourism is Everybody's Business,'" said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "Especially as our island rebuilds following Typhoon Soudelor, we can all see the economic importance of supporting tourism and working to restore and enhance our islands natural beauty."

Schools interested in having an MTEC presentation may contact MVA Community Projects assistant Charlene Mendoza at cmendoza@mymarianas.com or 670.664.3210. (MTEC)

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Middle Schools

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High Schools

First Bell: 8:00 a.m.
Dismissal: 12:45 a.m.

Bus Schedules

Elementary

Bus Pick Up: 6:45 – 7:00 a.m.
Bus Drop Off: 11:30 a.m.

Middle Schools

Bus Pick Up: 7:30-7:45 a.m.
Bus Drop Off: 12:15-12:30 p.m.

High Schools

Bus Pick Up: 7:30-7:45 a.m.
Bus Drop Off: 12:15-12:30 p.m.

Double Session Elementary School Schedules

1a. Garapan Elementary School Kindergarten

AM Session: 7:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
PM Session: 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

1b. Garapan Elementary School 1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade

Morning Session
First Bell: 7:30 a.m.
Dismissal: 11:30 a.m.
Bus Pick Up: 6:45 -7:00 a.m.
Bus Drop Off: 11:30 a.m.

1c. Garapan Elementary School 4th, 5th & 6th Grade

Afternoon Session
First Bell: 11:55 a.m.
Dismissal: 4:00 p.m.
Bus Pick Up: 10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Bus Drop Off: 4:00 p.m.

2a. San Vicente Elementary School Kindergarten, 1st Grade & 2nd Grade

Morning Session
First Bell: 7:25 a.m.
Dismissal Bell: 11:30 a.m.
Bus Pick Up: 6:45 a.m.-7:00 a.m.
Bus Drop Off: 11:30 a.m.

2b. San Vicente Elementary School 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade

Afternoon Session
First Bell: 11:55 a.m.
Dismissal: 4:00 p.m.
Bus Pick Up: 10:45 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.
Bus Drop Off: 4:00 p.m.

Head Start Directory School Year 2015-2016

Saipan Calendar Updates

Date & Time	Activity	Centers
Monday, September 14 9:00-11:00 AM	Parent Orientation	Chalan Kanoa A Chalan Kanoa B JMR A JMR C San Antonio Tanapag
Tuesday, September 15 9:00-11:00 AM	Parent Orientation	Chalan Kanoa C Chalan Kanoa D Dandan JMR B Kagman Oleai
Wednesday, September 16	Child Transitions	All Centers
Thursday, September 17	Child Transitions	All Centers

AM Session: 7:30-9:30 AM - Breakfast Served
PM Session: 12:00-2:00 PM - Lunch Served

Sessions with 17 enrolled will split transitions with 9 children on Wednesday and 8 children on Thursday.

Sessions with 16 enrolled will split transitions with 8 children on Wednesday and 8 children on Thursday.

Head Start Centers Directory

Center and Classroom	Phone Number
Chalan Kanoa A	234-5207
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Chalan Kanoa C	234-5204
Chalan Kanoa D	234-5208
Dandan	288-8820
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Oleai A	234-5692
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Lathania Santos Education & Disabilities Manager	483-4391
Barbara Pangelinan (Bobbie) Site Coordinator	483-4390
Lorna Manahane Site Coordinator	483-4388

Family Services & Registration Office

Jolene Guerrero Family & Community Partnership Manager	989-4390
Dolores Benavente Family Partnership Advocate - Saipan	483-4386
Evelyn Evangelista Family Partnership Advocate - Tinian	483-4397
Quindy Maratita Family Partnership Advocate - Rota	483-4396
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So much for China's century



China in recent years has been seen—envied, feared—as a rising power, flexing its economic strength and geopolitical muscle. At times it has seemed that this is China's century, and we're just living in it.

Funny then, as Chinese President Xi Jinping prepares to visit the United States later this month, that for all its wealth and ambition, China looks stressed out and uncertain. Vulnerable, even.

It's once-gaudy economic expansion has slowed. The nation's leaders are struggling to cushion the hit as they deal with a national debt that tops \$28 trillion. Xi is attempting to establish himself as China's most powerful political figure since Mao, but his tenure has highlighted a glaring weakness in Communist Party rule: uncontrolled corruption.

What does it say about your governing system that 270,000 people have been punished over the course of two years for bribery and other corrupt acts? It says you face an existential threat to your rule, according to *Foreign Affairs* magazine. More about that in a few paragraphs.

Anticipating the path of an ambitious nation—one still trying to elbow its way to greater influence—is tricky. In the 1980s everyone saw Japan's rise; no one predicted its extraordinary stumble. And so it is with China.

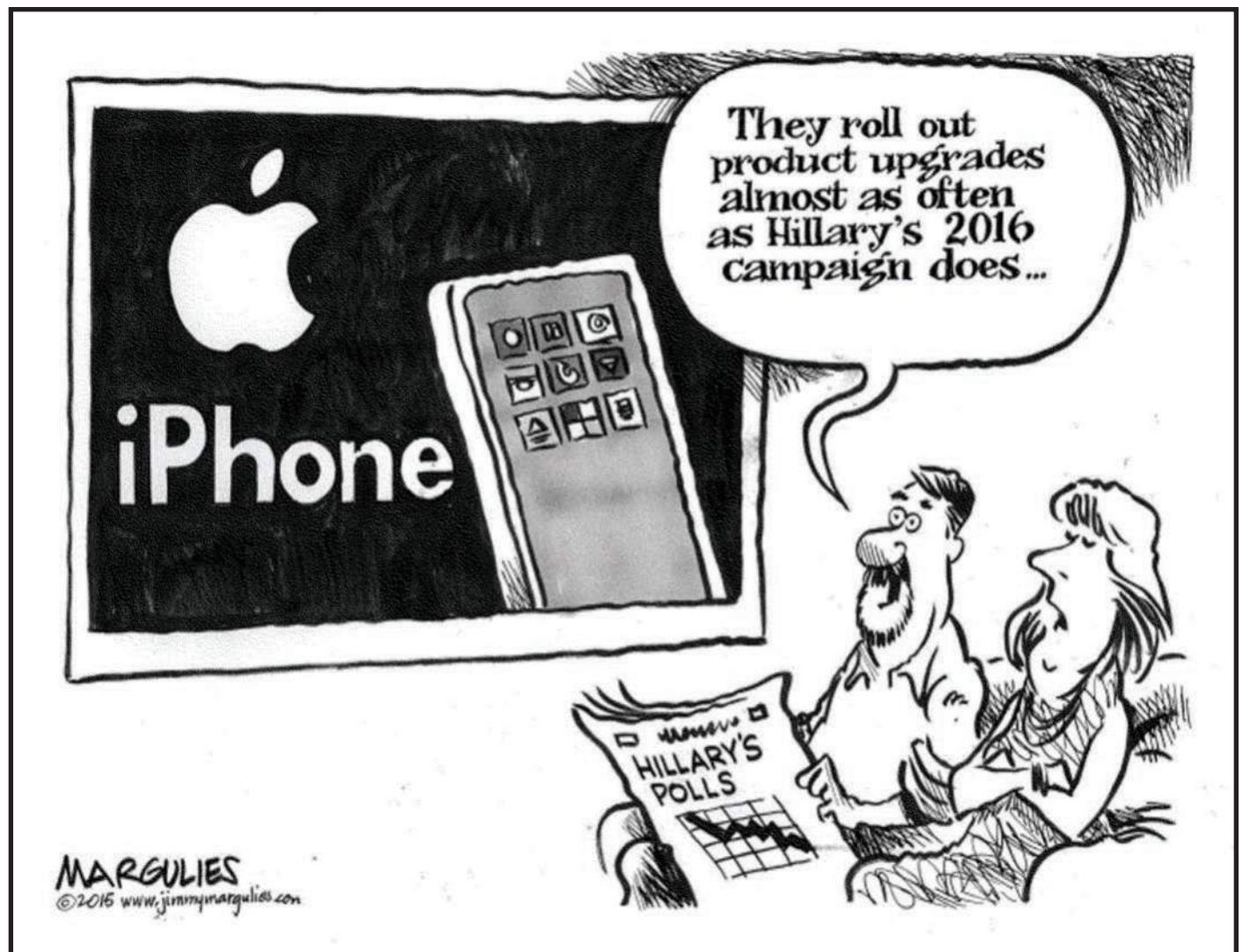
There is nothing in China's trajectory to suggest that the country with the world's second-largest economy and a commitment to asserting itself is going to crumble or acquiesce to role player in the Pacific. China is busy cyber-spying against the U.S., building island military outposts in the South China Sea, displaying high-tech weaponry in a parade to commemorate World War II.

But as roiling stock markets can attest, China's stumble, and uncertain future, have profound impact outside that nation.

China has enjoyed a stunning economic growth rate of about 10 percent a year, big enough to lift a nation of 1.3 billion from poverty and create a few hundred billionaires to boot. No one expected the 10 percent pace to last, but the sag in wealth production this year is shocking. Officially, the government target and actual growth rate are 7 percent, but analysts think it's quite a bit slower than that. Chinese government statistics are unreliable.

More troubling has been the leadership's management of the economic rise and sudden crisis. Leaders hyped China's economic performance and encouraged Chinese citizens to buy

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Lemon for lemonade

The citrus trees abounding on island survived Soudelor; the ripe fruits dislodged but the green ones stayed on the branch. *Pinoys* squeeze *kalamansi* and lemon on their soy sauce and *wasabi* for the sashimi.

Raimon Lehman, former Mt. Carmel teacher, recently responded to an email and got us caught up on the lemon that makes his lemonade. Ray, as we called him at the local Immanuel UMC, was a pole on a tripod that held the spirit shop together until he sojourned to Korea at a private school that belied-up; its leadership embezzled the funds with two spending 40 years each in prison, including a gentleman who was a senator at the time.

He returned to Virginia outside D.C., got a post in Kentucky and married Jolanda from the Netherlands who moved to the U.S. at a young age. A delivery-OB/GYN nurse for 27 years when they married, she collapsed while at work, commencing her health's decline.

Raimon's mom in Virginia had a stroke that made his wife convince him to go back and live with her, visiting his wife in Louisville, KY, once every three weeks, which he did. Not too long after, he collapsed while getting on a local bus that got his health on a downhill ride thereafter, now convalescing in a long-term care facility since mid-January of 2014, a year before Jolanda unexpectedly passed away.

While on Saipan, Ray exhibited a neuro-challenge akin to echolalia, repeating words and syllables while speaking. With a diagnosed kidney disorder (stage 5, dialysis 4x per week) and a foot surgery in 2014, the year was not an auspicious year for raucous celebrations.

Raimon is lighthearted enough to chide that the state of Virginia did not embrace Obamacare but gave him SS disability, Medicaid, and Medicare. He experienced physical illness but was never "in real danger," a testament to a solidly grounded faith in the way life is (YHWH in the Torah). Raimon turned 59 two months ago.

By our title, it should be obvious that this reflection is not about Raimon. It's about lemons. They can be our demons or delight.

Top of the lemon heap a few weeks back was Charleston's Dylann Roof's cold-blooded massacre of nine lives during a Bible study. He went ballistic over the ascendancy of blacks in a society accustomed to whites holding the upper hand. "You rape our women," he charged his victims. He held lethal lemons.

I worked part-time in a company in the U.S. where the pecking order was white, black, Latino, and oriental, the last heavily stratified, Japanese on top while Indo-Sino-Malays graced the bottom. I applied to work fulltime, but I was considered "not versed enough in English."

I only corrected students' term papers at the university! English is a primary language in the Philippines and I had a few elocution certificates on the wall. But lacking the Texas drawl, my English

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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was "not good enough" for the company that chose a white girl who ironically came to me for help to fill up the company's paper work!

The blacks were subjected to whiteness's subtle insults that in turn did the same to the Latinos who picked on the Orientals. It was a merry-go-round, with colored folks quietly insulting paleface when Whiteness's back was turned.

Dylann Roof's act makes us pause on our nation's symbols. The Confederate flag stood for white supremacy and Southern obstinacy for a long time in reactionary intransigence. Kim Davis of KY refused licenses for same-sex marriages; went to jail rather than compromise her personal values against civil rule.

Obama shattered a few obstinate images in his two-term stint in the WH but his foray to Alaska recently got me mooning. Obama's highlight of climate change visibly affecting the 49th state was a brilliant political move, and his wading into the river by Bristol Bay was classic; a salmon spawned on his shoe. Concern for the environment grounded this presidential visit. The locals refused mines in their town and the President concurred. Mining companies sued EPA.

In 1976, a colleague who frequents Nepal from Canada anchored a team that facilitated a participatory out-of-council town meeting in Dillingham. I was the smiling foreigner in the team. This long ago event might have added to local sense of selfhood.

This brings me back to Raimon Lehman when he was on Saipan. Ex-PCV nurse Cyndy Tice was the second pole of the tripod that joined Ray and I to lead a group gathered at Oleai when the Methodist Church established presence there to find its soul. Cyndy later retired from the Nursing Department at NMC. She passed away in New Mexico last year.

Raimon mixed his lemons for his 59-year lemonade. He feels his age, and at 70, I commiserate when I fumble keys in opening my door. I intend to make it to my 86th year but fate snickers that I need more than potassium, magnesium, and calcium to get by.

With 66 as the year of retirement, we have hordes of idle retirees in the sunset belt walking dogs. Some cry over their lemons. Others stir theirs into delightful lemonades. How are yours?

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80/20

Many business managers often refer to the “80/20” rule. This is the rule that says 20 percent of the inputs will create 80 percent of the results. Thus, 20 percent of your working time might account for 80 percent of your productivity, or, on the unhappy side of the ledger, 20 percent of your personnel might account for 80 percent of your personnel problems.

This rule doesn’t apply to everything. It just applies to some things. To use it to your advantage, you must have a feel for where it applies, and where it doesn’t.

The rule is often called the “Pareto principle,” named for Vilfredo Pareto, an economist who lived from 1848 to 1923. It’s not his biggest contribution to economics, but it’s what he’s most widely known for, and it is something we can apply in normal life.

For example, if I’m making a quick inspection of my car before taking a drive, I’m not going to inspect every component, but will rather look at the 20 percent of things that are likely to cause 80 percent of the problems.

I recently changed cell phones, and, as I was deciding which numbers I wanted to bother transferring to the new phone, I realized that 80 percent of my phone calls were made to 20 percent of my contacts.

Of course, me being me, I blew off transferring the other 80 percent.

Another example: If I’m going to invest in sending expensive samples for a marketing campaign, I’ll consider sending my samples to the most important 20 percent of the customers, on the theory that they’re accounting for 80 percent of the sales. That’s not an assumption that would hold in every industry, of course, but it’s an assumption that would apply, more or less, in many that

I’m aware of.

As for the “more or less,” the overall concept here is more important than the actual numbers are. So, in terms of numbers, some cases are 90/10, or even 99/1, or, well, whatever, instead of 80/20.

The real juice is the fact that some factors are more influential than others. More juice: The principle nests within itself. For example, if you’re dealing with an 80/20 gig, then the top 20 percent of the top 20 percent of inputs is providing 80 percent of 80 percent of the results; in other words, 4 percent (20 percent of 20 percent) of the inputs would account for 64 percent (80 percent of 80 percent) of the results.

Life, or at least some parts of it, is a mighty skewed proposition. And if you chew off a piece of the skewed part, it’s also skewed, too, and in the same way.

Given this relationship, you can see that the concept of the average can be totally meaningless. I’ve seen many a business driven into the ground because it was managed by averages. Whenever somebody starts spouting off about averages, my brain disengages and I start daydreaming about cheeseburgers.

I’m sure that many *Saipan Tribune* readers have heard of Pareto. But here’s a name you might not have heard before: George Zipf.

Zipf (1902-1950) was a linguist who taught at Harvard. He noted this: The most commonly-used word in a language is used twice as often as the second most commonly-used word is. And the second most commonly-used word is used twice as often as the third most commonly-used word is. And so on. That’s one top-heavy distribution.

Zipf was savvy enough to realize that this relationship applied to

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other social phenomenon, not just language. He later took a look at the economics realm, noting how a frequency distribution of incomes fell along this pattern.

Coincidentally enough, Pareto had come up with his 80/20 principle when he was looking into wealth distribution in Europe.

Both Zipf’s law and Pareto’s principle can get mathematically complicated if you want to follow their formulas down the rabbit hole. But the important thing is the common ground here: Some inputs are vastly more important than others, and some distributions are mighty skewed.

So, then, what does this mean for normal, every day life? For me, it means prioritizing my time and attention for what matters the most. This means that what I don’t do is every bit as important as what I do.

And what I’m going to do right now is my true specialty: lunch. I was going to invite you out for a cheeseburger, but, well, I lost your number. Don’t blame me. Pareto made me do it.

Extent of destruction from disasters

Folks at the helm are scrambling through reading materials, analyzing, crunching, and struggling to understand the combined bleak and hopeless tidings of economic loss in the last month hailing from two disasters. It seems too that hope is a distant memory. But we must come to terms with the real fiscal posture of the NMI before resetting our buttons.

Be that as it may, I’m still interested finding out from economists and other experts what’s the total loss, knowing we’ve been hit with the fiscal crisis long before the two disasters pummeled these isles. We all know there’s something seriously wrong when we can’t pay CUC over \$30 million in debts, limit to \$5 million per year the operations budget of CHC that requires over \$40 million and other big ticket items like PSS waiting for funding in the wings.

Devastation: The domino effect spells devastation, e.g., over 10,000 announced visitor cancellations; a protracted business operation and everything else waiting to restart like CUC’s operations and collections. It isn’t like picking up the slack from here and moving on. It’s all start from the very beginning, people! It would be hard lessons to draw from. Do we give up now?

Would the projected \$145 million remain intact or how much would remain? PSS and CHC need nothing less than \$86 million. Would casino and other propped-up plans be poised to ease the mounting dire fiscal crisis at home? The debate shifts every so often to other non-issues. But at the end of the day all roads fork into a single artery: bankruptcy!

PSS is one agency that has successfully secured fund earmarks for its needs over the often-contentious normal budgetary exer-

cise. The authority to appropriate is solely the preserve of the House of Representatives. Such should be sustained and jealously guarded by lower chamber legislators.

The exercise may be cumbersome but a necessary evil in pinning down the performance rating of departments and agencies. In brief, if you’ve failed in the last fiscal year why would you still be asking for more money? Shall we subscribe to rhyme and reason? After all, it’s the taxpayers’ money and they want their representatives to guard their interest full square.

Excuse me! These and other continuing and ballooning fiscal obligations require tons of money to pay them on time. For instance, CUC needs about \$14 million per year to buy fuel for the power generation plant at Lower Base. Definitely, there would be a lot of juggling funds up ahead. Would there be sufficient revenue collection to pay retirees or medical referral obligations? A fiscal crisis looms ahead; brace for it.

How would U.S. Immigration 2019 deadline deal half-cocked plans for economic expansion? Ever thought of the impending mess and how do we navigate it? Candle in the wind?

As we assess what’s coming down the pike, the greater question is: Does the NMI have the leadership to navigate the tough financial times ahead? Ooops! Don’t even brave an answer now, please. Just think about it quietly. It calls for the long thoughtful process! For now, I get that nagging troubling feeling something’s bound to get derailed big time that would adversely affect pocketbooks of households everywhere. Perhaps, this should roll out the red carpet of another decade of economic depression and stagnancy. It

CHINA

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stocks, fueling a bubble that exploded this summer, causing worldwide damage. In the midst of it, China’s central bank has bungled an effort to assert control by devaluing the currency.

When Chinese leaders weakened an overvalued, overmanaged yuan, investors doubled down on panic. Maybe, they thought, things are worse than they look. China’s hardly known for transparency, which might have helped to create some calm.

Xi’s credibility is on the line. He has defined himself as a corruption fighter, but appears to be losing the battle. Last month’s Tianjin hazardous chemical explosion, which killed 150 people, was a grave sign. The chemical company appears to have cut corners and violated rules at every turn. Who owns the company? The son of the local police chief and an executive from a state-run chemical company. “Nobody wanted to stand in their way,” a chemicals exporter told *The New York Times*.

Corruption in China is mind-boggling, and a direct result of Com-

munist Party control of the government and the economy. There are many ways for enterprising officials to get a piece of the action. China scholar Roderick MacFarquhar, writing in *The New York Review of Books*, did a back-of-the-envelope calculation: assume 10 percent of the party rank-and-file are corrupt—and that’s a conservative estimate—add their immediate cronies, and you have 40 million people who should be prosecuted.

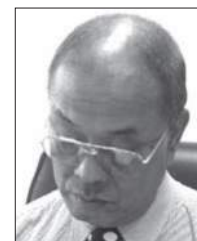
The risks to Xi are clear: if he keeps going with his corruption campaign, threatened party officials could turn against him. If he pulls up short, the corrosion will continue. On the economic front, he has to reignite growth and win back investor confidence without piling on the debt. If the slowdown continues and millions of people begin slipping back toward poverty, social stability will be endangered.

When Xi meets President Barack Obama in Washington in late September, he’ll represent a country that wants to look as competitive and fierce as ever, but has to be feeling a crisis of confidence.

By **JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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would be quite an interesting legacy!

Looming: Beyond what’s easily discernible in terms of direct impact against taxpayers are questions like big-ticket items we haven’t critically looked at that could spell financial meltdown for the NMI in the near future. Paying the settlement fund monthly pension for over 3,000 members would remain a challenge. What if we’re required to carry some 20-40 percent of the cost of subsidy by the feds on Medicaid and food stamps or SNAP? The feds may be generous today but what if the mood in Washington shifts in favor of passing more of the cost to states and territories? On Medicaid alone, more than 85K of our people would be adversely affected.

Ooops! Did someone say “self-government”? Doesn’t this entail real responsibility in how this government is run so it spends within its means? With revenue generation headed south how would our illustrious and esteemed public sector managers dispose of this disorienting dilemma? Do we still need all 3,000-plus drone government employees? No fun trying to crunch numbers that have turned mushy, huh?

At some point, the financial aspect of self-government would have to come to full view for all the guys and gals to see and ponder upon. Then we sit back and listen to their allegedly “educated” views how do we divvy up funds that are, at best, projections. How much would pay for debts of the NMI that includes some \$789 million in the settlement fund’s unfunded liability, what are those debts, anything for basic infrastructure; if so, where would these facilities be emplaced?

Yes, the more I press the issue the taller the goose bumps on my neck. It’s no fun dealing with a leaky ship whose destination has never been charted. So how do we navigate the heavy sea of debt? Do we rearrange the chairs now or wait until the ship topples over and we begin clapping our hands at icebergs ahead of us?


Da Yeeeps! With an impending and mounting fiscal crisis would there be novel solutions to our seemingly intractable problems? Or do we just sleepwalk it again as though it never existed? Or do we shift attitudinal paradigms and seriously look for real solutions to real problems?

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

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SATURDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

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SUNDAY



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MONDAY



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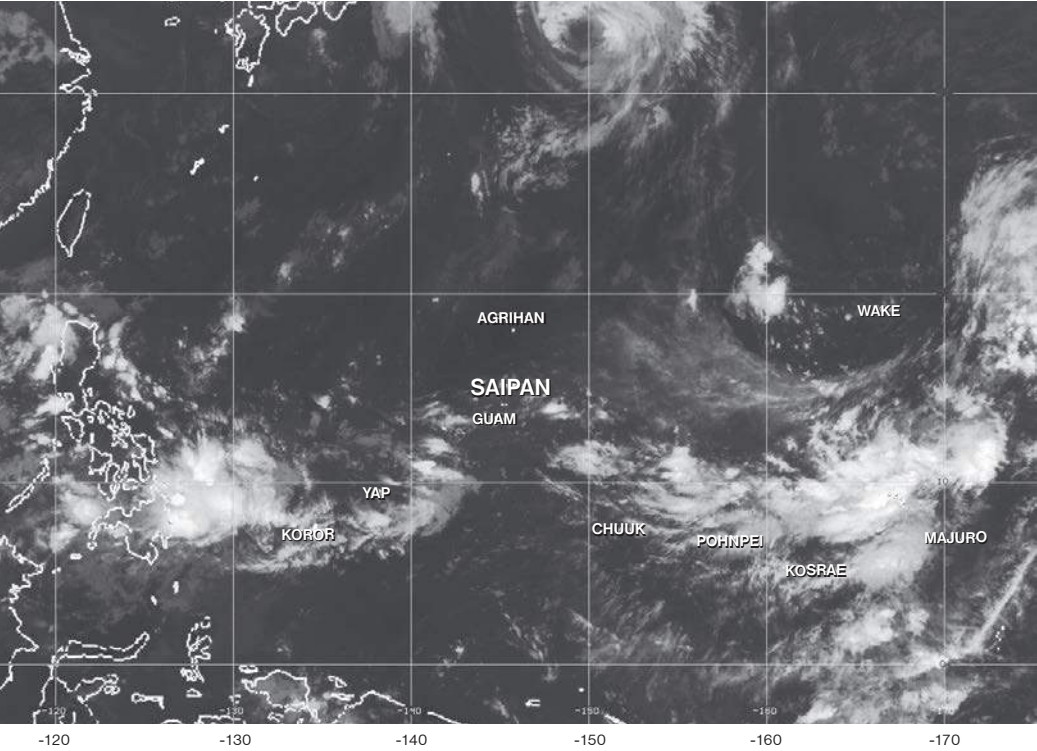
TUESDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.

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Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak circulation is west of Saipan near 15N142E with a surface trough running eastward across the Saipan and Tinian area to a more significant circulation north of Kwajalein atoll at about 12N168E. Converging southwest to west winds are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in patchy areas over Palau and Yap state between 12N and 6N from 130E to 143E farther east. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from north of Chuuk to Pohnpei and Kosrae states are within 125 miles of a line from 12N150E to 7N163E. Patchy areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over the western Marshall Islands are between 13N and the equator from 163E to 170E and north of Majuro between 15N and 10N from 170E to 173E and east of Wake Island between 25N and 15N from 171E to 180. An upper-level low over Wake Island at 19N167E is causing isolated thunderstorms within 80 miles of 21N160E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Showers	▲57	▼47
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲72	▼56
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲86	▼79
Honolulu	Showers	▲88	▼76
London	Mostly Sunny	▲71	▼58
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲96	▼75
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼75
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲68	▼53
Miami	Mostly Cloudy	▲90	▼79
New York	Thunderstorms	▲79	▼69
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼63
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲75	▼61
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲83	▼67
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼59
Salem	Sunny	▲90	▼57
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼62
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲78	▼62
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲82	▼69
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼65



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6:51 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
1:46 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
8:13 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:06 AM	6:23 PM
Saturday	6:06 AM	6:22 PM
Sunday	6:06 AM	6:21 PM
Monday	6:06 AM	6:20 PM
Tuesday	6:06 AM	6:20 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	4:13 AM	4:59 PM
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Sunday	5:49 AM	6:17 PM
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UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7	OZ6053	7:55pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5	OZ625	8:20pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
OZ6063/701	2:25am	11:05am	3, 4, 6 via ICN	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ626/701	3:20am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/6053	12:15pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
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DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM	UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM
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UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
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				UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6	OZ722/6053	1:10pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
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UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM				
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM				
UA5039/179	2:20pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM				
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM				

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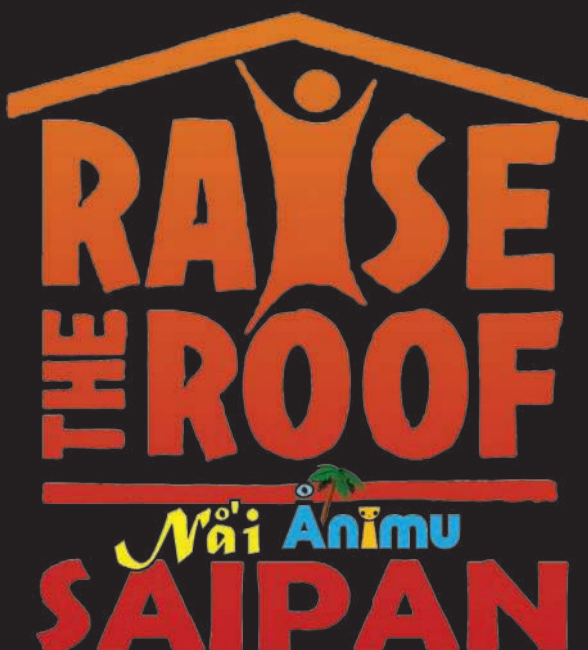
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LTA partners with hotel industry to continue hotel, hospitality program



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START instructor Larry Lee and Maureen Sebangiol, representing Latte Training Academy, speak during the Kagman High School orientation.

Despite the ongoing recovery efforts following Typhoon Soudelor, the Latte Training Academy has partnered with the hotel industry to ensure the continued delivery of its Hotel and Hospitality Certification Program for high school juniors and seniors of the Public School System.

With all Saipan high schools having begun half-day sessions, the Latte Training Academy has partnered with the LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort, the Pacific Islands Club, and the Marianas

Business Plaza to continue to offer the Skills, Tasks And Results Training, or START, to students who registered at for the fall 2015 Hotel & Hospitality Certification course through PSS.

Classes for Marianas High School will be held at Room 604 of the Marianas Business Plaza, while classes for Saipan Southern High School will be held at the upper level of the Seaside Grill at the Pacific Islands Club. Classes for Kagman High School students will be held at the Junior Golf School at LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort. These arrangements will be temporary until power is restored at their respective school sites at which time courses will be taught onsite.

"We are extremely grateful to our industry partners who have stepped up to ensure that these students are still able to participate in the program without disruption. It speaks volume to the

commitment that our partners have [for] the betterment of the CNMI's tourism workforce," said Island Training Solution's Jim Arenovski.

The success of the program over the last school year led PSS to allow students to earn two elective credits through their participation. Students and parents are encouraged to register at the schools or online at www.lattetraininacademy.com. Space is limited to 25 students and priority is given to juniors and seniors. This year, the Latte Training Academy will be offering \$10,000 in college scholarships to students who complete the START course in the current school year. Students will only be eligible to apply for these funds upon successful completion of the program.

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JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
TOWER (ATCT) PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-002-16
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for Janitorial Services of the Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) at the Saipan International Airport on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Scope of Work entails providing janitorial services for a period of two (2) years for the Tower, the Base Building and its surroundings. The proposal package will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning September 04, 2015. All responses to this RFP shall also take into account all costs that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for this project. Proposers shall also take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Janitorial Services of the Air Traffic Control Tower at the Saipan International Airport". One original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, September 25, 2015, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

Questions regarding this RFP must be in writing and faxed to the Executive Director at (670) 234-5962 or via email at cpa.admin@pticom.com no later than September 21, 2015.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

CPA assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the offer or due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of offeror's preparation of the proposal or supply under the contract. This RFP does not commit CPA to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for service.

Offerors will be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This RFP and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Proposals received after the aforementioned submission date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
Executive Director

Mount Carmel School's Student Council officers for school year 2015-2016. From left, moderator Sung Hun Ryu, vice president Markel Toves, secretary Amalina Evangelista, president Thomas Lee A. Manglona II, and treasurer Janika Taimanao.

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MCS holds student activities fair with new STUCO officers

Over 200 middle school and high school students participated in Mount Carmel School's Student Activities Fair held this past Wednesday, Sept. 9. Held at the start of every school year and sponsored by the Student Council, the fair highlights the many extracurricular activities available at the school. Throughout the fair, middle school and high school students perused the booths of sponsoring clubs and organizations in order to learn more about the various activities and to sign up for those that interest them.

This year's fair included booths from the school's athletic teams, Math Court, Mock Trial, the National Speech and Debate Association, Red Cross Club, Theatre Club, Dance Club, and a new club, the MCS Pep Squad. Now that clubs and organizations are up and running, they will shift their attention to the upcoming Student Leadership Retreat, in which all activities for the year will be planned out.

The fair comes on the heels of last week's Student Council elections, which ushered in a new set of council officers for the year. Youth Congress Speaker and journalist Thomas Lee A. Manglona II was elected president, along with Markel Toves as vice president, Amalina Evangelista as

treasurer, Janika Taimanao as secretary, and Sun Hun Ryu as moderator. All officers are seniors at the school.

Manglona looks forward to a great year. "I ultimately hope to add to the list of reasons people love this school. Supporting programs, sports teams, and overall student interest in a fun and productive way is our mission this year."

Asked why he ran for the position, Manglona said that the school "contributed to my maturity not only as a student but as a member of the island community. Before officially becoming an AlumKnight, I want to give back to MCS just as much as it has given to me." (MCS)



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Happy sweet 16th birthday, Sharon Lei! Grateful to have a dear friend like you. Just wait for Graf to get home (wink, wink!). Greetings come from your Bulacheraz at F&A.

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WIOA Dislocated Worker Funding Program

If any of these categories apply to you, please contact WIA.

Category A: General Dislocated Workers. To qualify, an individual must meet the following three criteria:

1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment;
2. Is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement to unemployment compensation; OR has been employed or attached to the workforce for a duration sufficient to demonstrate to WIOA, but is not eligible for unemployment compensation due to insufficient earnings or having performed services for an employer that were not covered under a state unemployment compensation law; and
3. Is unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation.

Category B: Plant Closure. To qualify, an individual must meet one of the following three criteria:

1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment as a result of any permanent closure of, or any substantial layoff at, plant, facility, or enterprise;
2. Is employed at a facility at which the employer has made a general announcement that such facility close within 180 days; or
3. For purpose of eligibility to receive services other than training, intensive or supportive services under WIOA, is employed at a facility at which the employer has made general announcement that such facility will close.

Category C: Self Employed or Unemployed. To qualify, an individual must meet the following criteria:

1. Was self employed (including employment as a farmer, a rancher, or a fisherman) but is unemployed as a result of general economic conditions in the community in which the individual resides or because of natural disasters.

Category D: is a displaced homemaker;

DISPLACED HOMEMAKER—The term "displaced homemaker" means an individual who has been providing unpaid services to family members in the home and who—

- (A) (i) has been dependent on the income of another family member but is no longer supported by that income; or (ii) is the dependent spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code) and whose family income is significantly reduced because of a deployment (as defined in section 991(b) of title 10, United States Code, or pursuant to paragraph (4) of such section), a call or order to active duty pursuant to a provision of law referred to in section 101(a)(13)(B) of title 10, United States Code, a permanent change of station, or the service-connected (as defined in section 101(16) of title 38, United States Code) death or disability of the member; and
- (B) is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

Category E:

1. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code), and who has experienced a loss of employment as a direct result of relocation to accommodate a permanent change in duty station of such member; or
2. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty and who meets the criteria described in Displaced Homemaker Definition (B).

You may be able to qualify for services under WIOA's Dislocated Worker Funding Program. All other program eligibility requirements apply.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AIRSIDE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES (PERIMETER FENCE/ROADSIDE/DITCH/ AND RESTRICTED AREA GRASS CUTTING) PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-001-16 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting sealed proposals for perimeter fence/roadside/ditch and restricted area grass cutting at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The scope of work entails providing continuous grounds maintenance services for the Airport as described in the scope of work. The **proposal package** will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning **September 11, 2015**. All responses to this RFP shall also take into account any and all costs that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project. Proposers shall also take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Airside Grounds Maintenance Services for Perimeter Fence/Roadside/Ditch and Restricted Area Grass Cutting at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport." One original and three (3) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 2:00 PM, October 2, 2015, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

A **pre-proposal conference** will be held at the CPA Departure Terminal Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, on **September 25th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. All prospective proposers may attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director in writing at least 7 days prior to the pre-proposal conference.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

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All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Proposals received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

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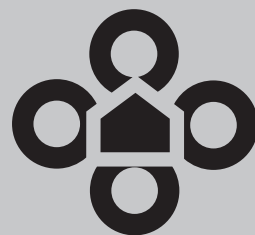
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

FHB Saipan branches open additional hour

HAGATNA, Guam—As of Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015, First Hawaiian Bank has extended its hours of operation by one hour at all Saipan branches. The revised hours are Monday through Thursday from 9am to 3pm and on Friday from 9am to 5pm. First Hawaiian Bank customers with Internet connectivity may access their account information online through www.FHB.com or may contact the bank's Call Center for customer service at 1-888-844-4444. FHB has two Saipan branches: at the Gualo Rai Commercial Center on Middle Road and at the Oleai Center on Beach Road. **(FHB)**

Enrollees under Aetna health insurance

If you are enrolled in Aetna health insurance and have not yet received your card, please contact Annie at 664-1140 or Gayla at 664-1100 or stop by the DOF Office of the Secretary to pick up your card. **(PR)**

Kagman Community Church worship service

The Kagman Community Church will have its first worship service on Sunday, Sept. 13, at 6pm. The community is invited to attend. **(PR)**

High surf advisory

Northeast swell from mainly gentle winds and isolated thunderstorms are expected the next few days as a monsoon trough settles into the region. Combined seas of 9 to 10 feet will diminish to about 6 to 7 feet today, Friday.

A high surf advisory in effect until 6am today for east facing reefs and north facing reefs. Expect hazardous surf of 10 to 12 feet along north and east facing reefs. Surf will fall be-

low hazardous levels along east facing reefs but remain hazardous at 7 to 9 feet along north facing reefs.

The public is being advised to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those facing north and east as rip currents will be life threatening. Waves will be hazardous for operators of small craft. Avoid shoaling areas, where long period swell can sharpen into large breaking waves. Breaking waves can easily capsize even larger vessels. **(HSEM)**

Military training at Warning Area 517, FDM

The U.S. military will conduct training at Warning Area 517 during the following dates and times:

- Sept. 11-12, from 10am to 5pm
- Sept. 13 from 10am to 5pm
- Sept. 14 from noon to 10pm
- Sept. 15-16 from 7:30am to 10pm
- Sept. 17 from 7:30am to 10:30pm
- Sept. 18 from 7:30am to 4pm
- Sept. 19 from 9am to 5pm

Training will also be conducted at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- Sept. 11, from 9am to 12:30pm
- Sept. 12, from 10am to 5pm
- Sept. 13 from 10am to 5pm
- Sept. 14 from 1:30-6:30pm
- Sept. 15 from 1:30-10pm
- Sept. 16-17 from 2-10pm
- Sept. 18 from 9am to 4pm
- Sept. 19 from 8am to 8pm

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated. **(Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office)**



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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TAXIWAYS B & H REHABILITATION PROJECT AIP No. 3-69-0002-79/83

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms to perform construction management (CM) services for the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport Taxiways B & H Rehabilitation Project, AIP Nos. 3-69-0002-79/83, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is being funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Scope of Work (SOW) includes overall construction management services for the duration of the project. Details are available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package.

Questions regarding this request for qualification (RFQ) statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, Executive Assistant, in writing via hand delivery to the CPA Administration Office, via fax to (670) 664-3533 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp or cpa.engr@pticom.com by no later than Friday, September 18, 2015, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Overall CM experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands – 30 points;
2. CM experience related to airport paving projects; – 30 points;
3. Level of proficiency in performing CM services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA regulations and requirements and AIP grants – 15 points;
4. The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of CM work experience, firm's ability to perform the services and the firm's professional integrity and competence – 15 points; and
5. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable – 10 points.

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, OCTOBER 9, 2015**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified construction management firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to:

Ms. MaryAnn Q. Lizama
Executive Director
Commonwealth Ports Authority
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/s/ JOSE R. LIFORON
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Date: September 8, 2015

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Saipan Tribune
CNMI'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER

AG to telcos: Provide specifics on consumer protection issues

Attorney General Edward Manibusan has issued formal letters to the islands' telecommunication companies—Docomo Pacific, IT&E, and I-

Connect Saipan—requesting how consumer bills were and/or will be adjusted to address the service disruptions resulting from the islandwide com-

munication blackout in July and the more recent island-wide power outage caused by Typhoon Soudelor.

“The Office of the Attorney

General has received numerous complaints involving the telecommunication companies' unreliable cellular services. For example, consum-

ers have complained that text messages are frequently returned ‘undeliverable’; there is often a delay between the sending and receiving of text messages; outgoing calls ‘fail,’ they need to attempt calls several times to get a signal out; and calls spontaneously drop in the middle of conversations,” the Attorney General reported. “Additionally, the office has received complaints that consumers have been charged for Internet services despite the fact that they were unable to avail themselves of such services due to the islandwide power outage.”

In his letters, Manibusan asks the companies to confirm that they have “a plan in place to ensure that customers are not unfairly charged—in contraven-

tion of the Consumer Protection Act—for any disruption in services due to these events.”

The Consumer Protection Act prohibits those who are carrying out trade or commerce in the Commonwealth from engaging in any conduct that is unfair or deceptive to the consumer. Charging consumers for services they did not receive is unfair and deceptive, as is charging customers full rates for substandard service.

For any consumer protection issues related to service disruptions caused by the damaged cable or Typhoon Soudelor, you may contact the Office of the Attorney General at 237-7500 or email Consumer Counsel Teresita J. Sablan at cnmiconsumercounsel@gmail.com. **(OAG)**

SHRM meeting to focus on equal employment updates

The Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter will be having its monthly general membership meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015, with the topic focusing on “Equal Employment Opportunity: Updates and Current Trends.”

The special half-day meeting will feature Glory Gervacio, director of the EEOC's Honolulu Office, who will present current EEO issues to include increase retaliation, varied sexual discrimination and harassment, arrests and court records, LGBT protections and other topics of concern. Gervacio will give information on the rights of employees and how businesses can avoid discrimination and create a better workplace for all. She will also be available to answer questions.

James Rayphand, president of the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy System, Inc., will also explain the functions of NMPASI and how it can work with HR and management staff for the best interests of the companies and employees with special needs. Rayphand's presentation will be followed by Susan Langhoff, FEMA private sector liaison, who will discuss “Business Continuity and Preparedness”

as part of the community's recovery efforts.

This lunch meeting will be held at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret on Sept. 15, from 8:30am to 2pm.

This presentation is open to the public and will be an opportunity for employers and HR professionals and staff to

gain a range of information on two topics of particular interest to our businesses and our community.

The presentation includes lunch buffet and morning snacks and drinks at the cost of \$30 for SHRM members and \$40 for non-members. Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Micah Parico-Acuvera by phone at 234-1795 or by e-mail at corpoffice@triplejsaipan.com or by e-mail to Frank Gibson at flgibson@yahoo.com.

SHRM is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. The Society serves the needs of HR professionals and advances the interests of the HR profession. Founded in 1948, SHRM has more than 250,000 members in over 140 countries, and more than 575 affiliated chapters. The NMI Chapter is affiliated with the national organization. For more information about the NMI Chapter, visit their website at <http://nmichapter.shrm.org>. **(SHRM)**

» Meeting will also include presentations by NMPASI and FEMA



PUBLIC NOTICE

To Our Valued Guests:

Due to the high number of hotel guests and visitors on Saturday, September 12, 2015, the PIC Waterpark will not be selling passes for that day. In addition, any sales promotions, i.e. Triple J or PTC, gift certificates or groups, will not be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

PIC Management

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY • CNMI GOVERNMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP15-GOV-135

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

“PROVISION OF HEALTHCARE INSURANCE FOR COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES”

Copies of the Scope of Work may be obtained at the Office of the Secretary, Capitol Hill, Building No. 1302, Ascension Drive, Saipan, during regular working hours.

A mandatory pre-proposal meeting conference will be held on September 22, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., local time at the Governor's Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals, in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfections in the best interest of the Commonwealth. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/S/ LARRISA C. LARSON
 ACTING ADMINISTRATOR
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/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
 DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY • CNMI GOVERNMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP15-GOV-136

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

“GROUP LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES”

Copies of the Scope of Work may be obtained at the Office of the Secretary, Capitol Hill, Building No. 1302, Ascension Drive, Saipan, during regular working hours.

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Presidential candidates duel on Iran; House GOP in turmoil

WASHINGTON (AP)—Debate on the Iran nuclear deal morphed into full-blown political spectacle Wednesday as Donald Trump and Ted Cruz held a rally to denounce it, Hillary Rodham Clinton gave a speech to praise it and congressional Republicans turned on each other angrily as they grasped for a last-ditch play to stop it.

The maneuvering and speechifying did little to change the reality: Barring unlikely success of an eleventh-hour gambit by the House, the international accord aimed at curbing Iran's nuclear program in exchange for relief from economic sanctions will move ahead. Even if Congress succeeds in passing legislation aimed at undermin-

ing it by next week's deadline, President Barack Obama would veto such a measure and minority Democrats command enough votes to sustain him.

But that seemed only to inflame GOP opponents as Congress convened for its first full day back after a five-week summer recess that hardened partisan divisions around the accord. Republicans turned up the rhetoric against the deal at a rally outside the Capitol, while inside, House conservatives searched for a legislative way to undermine it.

Across town, Clinton praised the accord. "Diplomacy is not the pursuit of perfection. It is the



Trump

balancing of risk," she said in a speech at the Brookings Institution. Either the deal moves forward, she said, or "we turn down a more dangerous path leading to a far less certain and riskier future."

The message was far different at the Capitol rally headlined by GOP presidential candidates Trump and Cruz denouncing the Iran accord, which Republicans contend will not stop the Iranians from developing a nuclear bomb. The gathering featured conservative favorites, including former vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin, in front of several thousand people who waved

flags and banners denouncing Obama. One placard showed a smiling president alongside a billowing mushroom cloud

over New York City.

"Never ever, ever in my life have I seen a deal so incompetently negotiated as our deal

with Iran," Trump told the crowd. "We are led by very, very stupid people. We cannot let it continue."

United CEO Jeff Smisek steps down amid federal investigation

By DAVID KOENIG
AP AIRLINES WRITER

United Airlines abruptly replaced its CEO as a federal investigation continued into whether the airline gave preferential treatment to the former chairman of the agency that operates the New York-area airports.

United Continental Holdings Inc. said Tuesday that Jeffery Smisek and two other senior executives had stepped down. Oscar Munoz, a railroad execu-

tive and head of United's audit committee, was named CEO and president.

Federal prosecutors are probing United's ties to David Samson, the former chairman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. United began a direct flight between Newark, New Jersey, and Columbia, South Carolina, where Samson has a summer home, while he was chairman and ended it days after he resigned last year. United, the dominant airline at

Newark Liberty International Airport, was negotiating with the Port Authority over projects at the airport at the same time.

United said the departures announced Tuesday were the result of the federal probe and its own investigation into the matter.

On a late afternoon conference call with analysts, United executives declined to say what the investigations have found and what prompted the shake-up.

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ASQ-3 is a set of questionnaires about children's development. It has been used for more than 20 years to make sure children are developing well. It is called a screener because it looks at how children are doing in important areas, such as:

- speech,
- physical ability,
- social skills, and
- problem-solving skills.

ASQ-3 can help identify your child's strengths as well as any areas where your child may need support.

As a parent or caregiver, you are the best source of information about your child. That's why ASQ-3 questionnaires are designed to be filled out by you. You will only need 10-15 minutes. It's that quick and easy!

You are an active partner in your child's learning and development. By completing ASQ-3 questionnaires at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Children's Clinic, Children's Developmental Assistance Center, or at some participating daycare centers, you are making sure your child is off to the best possible start!

HOW IS YOUR BABY GROWING?



If you have any concerns about your child's development, contact the Children's Developmental Assistance Center (CDAC) at 664-4841



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What services are provided?

Family Partner Advocates will support and assist you with the following:

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My Success Story

By: Mismar Masaro

"My name is Mismar Masaro. I am a first time mother to my son, Mijay Luis M. Hayes. I am currently employed at the Commonwealth Ports Authority as a receptionist. I have been enrolled with the H.O.M.E. Visiting Program since 2013, making it 2 years into the program. Since enrollment, I have never been more than grateful and satisfied with the services the program has offered. Having that extra support system in my home has helped me and my family in many ways. With the help of my home visitor Sanivette Babauta, I was able to accomplish two of my priority goals. One was to get a job, which I am thankful for. I am able to provide for my family and support my son in any way possible. Another goal was to prepare Mijay for enrollment into school. My home visitor has also gone the extra mile in assisting me by getting school applications. I greatly appreciate all that she has done. Mijay is currently enrolled at the Children's World Day Care. As a first time mother, I am glad that his speech has improved and we are able to utilize the information that he and I have learned, on a day to day basis. I am happy that I am able to witness him take his first step into being independent like mommy! I can proudly say that I have my life all together now, compared to before. I have no worries and I am happy that everything is falling into place. Life has gotten much easier."

For more information, please call: Tel: (670) 236-8711

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H.O.M.E. Visiting Program

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World

Migrants finding little sympathy in Hungary for their plight

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP)—A makeshift camp of thousands from the Middle East, Asia and Africa has been dismantled at Budapest’s Keleti train station, and its inhabitants have left for Germany. But the loathing of them lingers in Hungary, which hopes to build a border fence strong enough to keep out future waves of asylum seekers.

“We need the fence,” said Istvan Szabo, a 43-year-old lathe operator having a beer at a bar next to the station, where hundreds seeking refuge in the

European Union still line up daily to buy tickets to Western Europe.

The tent city sprang up last month when the government blocked the asylum seekers from traveling by train to Austria and Germany. Authorities finally gave in last weekend and sent buses to take them to the border with Austria.

Szabo, like many in this socially conservative land of 10 million, says he doesn’t understand why they’ve come.

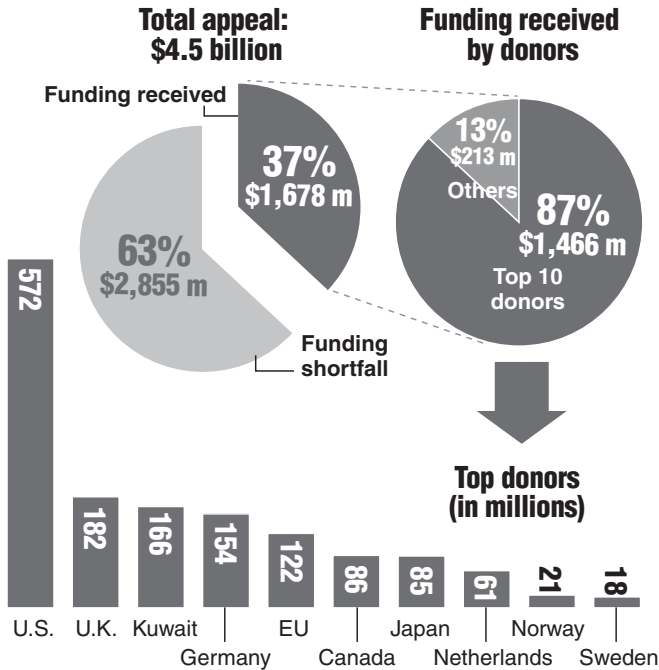
“If they couldn’t solve their problems back where they live, why do they think they’re going to be able to solve them here?” Szabo said.

Such lack of sympathy is a striking feature of the massive march this summer from Turkey through southeastern Europe. Many of the trekkers interviewed by The Associated Press say their worst experiences have come in Hungary, where farmers hiss at them in disapproval and the government leaves their care mostly up to unpaid volunteers.

A recent opinion poll sponsored by the Budapest think tank Republikon found that just 19 percent believe Hungary has a duty to take in refugees, while 66 percent deem them a threat and should not be let in. The Ipsos survey of 2,000 people, published Aug.

Funding needed for Syrian crises

More than 4 million Syrians have now fled war and persecution to neighbouring countries. UN agencies along with non-governmental organizations are only 37% funded, with a gap of \$2.85 billion.



volunteer efforts to give food, water, medical aid and other help to those passing through Hungary.

“It can be hard to convince Hungarians that these people don’t want to take our jobs, our homes, our women, our dogs,” she said, laughing at the absurdity of the idea.

Yet Hungary at times has become a theater of the absurd, with police expending great effort to marshal the migrants to specific spots, only to watch them walk straight out again to snarl traffic.

Government billboards warn the newcomers to respect the country’s laws and culture, but the signs all are in Hungarian, which virtually none of them can read.

Then again, it’s hard to find one intending to stay in Hungary anyway.

“The government says they don’t want immigrants here and they can’t take our jobs away,” said satirist Gergely Kovacs, a 35-year-old graphic designer. “But the truth is that nobody wants to come here. Every immigrant would spend just three days here if we kept the borders open. There’s no need to hate them because they’re leaving as quickly as possible.”

27 as the Keleti camp was growing, had a margin of error below 3 percentage points.

The findings reflect a country where ethnic minorities barely exist outside Budapest and right-wing beliefs dominate in small towns that strongly support the

ultranationalist Jobbik party.

“Many Hungarians are racist. They lack self-confidence and see their identity under threat. And our government exploits these feelings to boost its own popularity,” said Zsuzsanna Zohar, 36, who has helped lead

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF) CASE NO.
THE STATE OF:) 15-0133

ELISA ESTEVES) NOTICE OF
AYUYU TORRES,) HEARING ON
DECEASED) PETITION FOR
) LETTERS OF
) ADMINISTRATION

Please take notice that the petition of Erwin Torres Flores for the issuance of letters of administration of this estate shall be heard before the Honorable Judge David A. Wiseman, on the 29th day of September, 2015 at 1:30pm, at the Guma Husticia, Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 7th day of August, 2015

/s/ JANET H. KING
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Civil Action No. 15-0134

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
ALBERT SABLAN)
INDALECIO)
Decedent.)

NOTICE OF INITIAL HEARING ON THE VERIFIED PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATRIX AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE ALBERT SABLAN INDALECIO OR OF HIS ESTATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jing Min Zhu, has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue Letters of Administration for the Estate of Albert Sablan Indalecio, Deceased. The attorney for Petitioner is Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition by Jing Min Zhu, as Petitioner, is scheduled to be heard on **September 29, 2015 at 1:30pm**, at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Husticia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors or entities having claims against the Decedent or his estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within Sixty (60) day of the first publication, or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to Petitioner's counsel, at the address herein-above indicated.

Dated this 28th day of August, 2015.

/s/
Clerk of Court
Deputy Clerk of Court

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PUBLIC NOTICE/AGENDA

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 *et seq.*), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (“CUC”) Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold its regular meeting beginning on **Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. and will reconvene on Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.** The meetings will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building. Public attendance is welcome. The order of business of the Board, unless changed by the majority vote of its members, shall be as follows:

AGENDA
September 15, 2015

- I. Preliminary Matters**
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Adoption of Minutes
 - 1. August 20-21, 2015 Regular Meeting
 - E. Correspondence
- II. Executive Session***
 - A. Presentation by Leidos Engineering, LLC
- III. Presentation by Economists.com**
- IV. Public Comments****
- V. Management Reports**
 - A. Executive Director’s Report
 - B. Chief Financial Officer’s Report
 - C. Legal Counsel’s Report
- VI. Board Reports**
 - A. Personnel Committee
 - B. Operations Committee
- VII. Miscellaneous Administrative Matters/New Business**
 - A. Internal Financial Cost Savings Strategy
 - B. Designation/Discussion of Assigned Evaluation of Procedures for CUC to Reflect Effective and Efficient Operations

September 16, 2015

- VIII. Preliminary Matters**
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Adoption of Personnel Committee Minutes
 - 1. July 31, 2015 Meeting
 - 2. August 21, 2015 Meeting
- IX. Executive Session***
 - A. Personnel Committee Meeting
 - 1. Personnel Matters
- X. Adjournment**

* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board of Directors may vote to meet in executive session at any time

** Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.

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Life & Style

Teen too busy with college ignores dangers of diabetes

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: Last year, during her required physical for college, my 19-year-old daughter, "Lacey," was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes. She is in denial and hasn't seen a doctor since. She doesn't take her medications and refuses to change her diet or exercise. She is also obese.

When I try to discuss this with her, she gets angry and storms away. Her school is three hours away and I'm worried something terrible will have to happen to make her get serious. She's in that "invincible/know-it-all/I don't care" teenage phase of her life.

There are already signs that her diabetes is out of control -- headaches, vision changes, foot sores, numbness in her hands and irritability. Any advice before it's too late?

WORRIED SICK IN VIRGINIA



Dear Abby

DEAR WORRIED SICK: Yes. There may be many reasons Lacey doesn't want to deal with her diagnosis right now. With starting college, meeting new friends and navigating the transition to adulthood, she has a lot she'd rather focus on, and issues that seem more immediately relevant. It may also be scary to think about her health, the possible consequences of diabetes and all that managing her condition entails.

People Lacey's age don't like to be told what to do or be nagged. So approach the issue as a CONVERSATION and demonstrate an interest in HER perspective and goals. This can happen in bits and pieces over an extended period of time, as she comes to see you as a supportive resource.

You might start by saying, "What did you think of what 'Dr. Jones' said about Type 2 diabetes?" Then LISTEN. Resist the urge to tell her to do something. Instead, reflect back on what she says—even if it's something you'd rather not hear, such as, "I have too many other things to worry about right now." Your goal is to get her talking and thinking, and let her know you're willing to listen and let her make her own decisions.

Once you get her talking, listen carefully for any signs that she's considering changes (eating more healthfully, joining a gym, trying medication suggested by her doctor) and show an interest in her thoughts, such as, "So you're thinking about eating healthier? What have you been doing?" Offer concrete support such as offering to help cover the cost of the gym, looking up diabetes-friendly recipes or helping her connect with a doctor close to her school. Tell her you'll support her any way you can.

In the meantime, engage in behaviors that Lacey needs to adopt, i.e., learning about diabetes and maintaining healthy eating and regular exercise habits. When she's home, set a good example. Tell her what you're doing and ask if she'd like to join you. Some resources you might find helpful are www.diabetes.org and www.mayoclinic.org/disease-conditions/type-2-diabetes/basics/definitions/con-20031902.

Change isn't easy. Progress often isn't a direct path. Remember, diabetes is just one part of her life. Let Lacey know she's valued as a person and capable of taking care of herself. But ultimately, the decision to do that must be hers.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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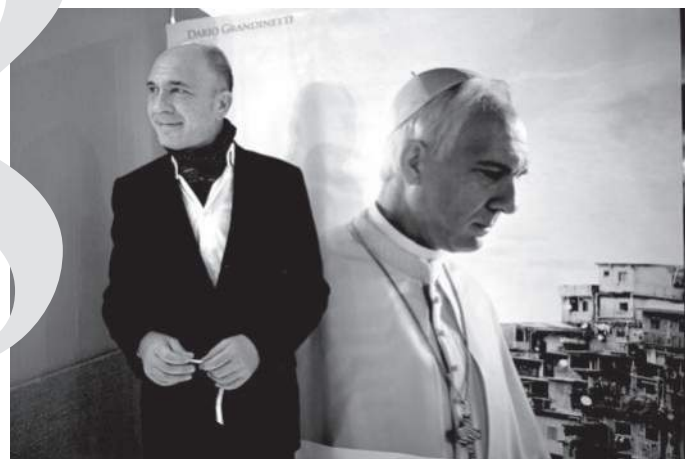
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Argentina film examines Bergoglio's life before elected pope

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)—When a shout of "Habe-mus papam!"—Latin for "We have a pope!"—rang out on-screen, viewers at a theater in the Argentine capital erupted in a standing ovation recalling the emotional moment when one of their own was named as the new Roman Catholic pontiff.

"Francis: Father Jorge," which premiered here Tuesday night, portrays the life of Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, archbishop of Buenos Aires, before he became pope in 2013. An Argentine-Spanish production, the film explores key elements of Bergoglio's life from his ministry to impoverished slum dwellers to his fight against poverty, prostitution and drug trafficking.

It also shows personal moments such as the time his grandmother gave him a book



Actor Dario Grandinetti poses for a picture during the Avant premiere of "Francisco. El Padre Jorge," in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015. The film directed by Beda Docampo Feijoo about Pope Francis' life will hit the cinemas on Sept. 10. Grandinetti plays the role of Pope Francis. **AP**

on St. Francis of Assisi, the humble friar who dedicated his life to helping the poor. The volume had a profound influence on Bergoglio and ultimately helped inspire him to take the

name Francis after assuming the papacy.

The film is expected to arrive in Spanish theaters next week and then open in Italy. Based on the book "Fran-

cis: Life and Revolution" by Elizabetta Pique, a Vatican journalist close to the pope, it stars Argentina's Dario Grandinetti, best-known for his role in Pedro Almodovar's "Talk to Her," in the title role.

"When they offered me this project, I thought they were a bit crazy. It seemed mad," said Grandinetti, who portrays Bergoglio as a serious and shy, yet affable man. "But when they told me this project was really taking shape, that it wasn't a delusion, I had no choice but to take it seriously."

Grandinetti said most of the actors in a scene set at a Buenos Aires slum were people who knew Bergoglio before he became the first Americas-born pope. At one point in the movie, Bergoglio greets a young man and tells him he baptized him.

Florida, Louisiana win 2nd night Miss America preliminaries



Miss Louisiana April Nelson, left, won the talent portion and Miss Florida Mary Katherine Fechtel, right, won the swimsuit competition in the second night of preliminary competition in the 2016 Miss America pageant on Wednesday Sept. 9, 2015. **AP**

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—Miss Florida won the swimsuit competition and Miss Louisiana took the talent portion of the second night of preliminaries in the Miss America pageant Wednesday night.

Mary Katherine Fechtel of Florida won the swimsuit portion of the evening, while April Nelson of Louisiana won the talent portion with a soaring rendition of "Climb Every Mountain" from the musical "The Sound Of Music" that got one of the biggest ovations of the night from the Boardwalk Hall crowd.

"I was a musical theater major in college and I fell in love with 'The Sound of Music,' when I saw Julie Andrews spinning around on that mountaintop," Nelson said afterward.

As a state Miss America titleholder, Nelson said she is excited about being inducted into the "Hall Of Hair" at her alma mater, Oklahoma City University, honoring pageant titleholders.

Fechtlet said she had struggled for much of her life with "being too thin."

"It's OK to be your body type," she said. "Just be healthy. There's no ideal body type. Just work out and be healthy."

On Tuesday night, Miss South Carolina Daja Dial won the swimsuit competition, and Miss Iowa Taylor Wiebers won the talent portion. Winners of preliminary competitions accrue points toward their final standings in the nationally televised finale Sunday night.

The second of three nights of preliminary competition began Wednesday night as it always has in the past—with the introduction of the 52 contestants. Each introduces herself with an ode to her home state. And if some self-promotion creeps in, all the better.

Miss Tennessee, Hannah Robison, proudly proclaimed: "I'm here to put the 'ten' in Tennessee."

Wiebers, of Iowa, cited livestock and movie stars in her intro.

"My state has the most hogs to butcher—and Ashton Kutcher," she said.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-15-021

Typhoon Soudelor Disaster Recovery Project - "Engineering Consultant Services"

The Office of the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting Expedited Request for Proposals (CUC-RFP-15-021) for Engineering Consultant Services for conducting Engineering Assessment and Provision of Repair Plans and Procedures for three (3) Power Plant Facilities Projects on Saipan: Power Plant 1, Power Plant 2, and Power Plant 4.

As this project is time sensitive, with critical effects on the economy, health and life of the island of Saipan's residents and its business community, under this contract, CUC may award to multiple consultant firms to perform the scope of work at one or more power plants.

These options allow the CUC an opportunity to select more than one proposer, if that decision serves the best interest of CUC, at any given time, depending on this RFP's response.

The Scope of Work and Solicitation Package will be emailed upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 PM (ChST), Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays, **until September 17, 2015.**

One (1) original and five (5) copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "(CUC-RFP-15-021) for 'Engineering Consultant Services'" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than September 30, 2015 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered. CUC reserves the right to reject any proposal received after the deadline. Proposals shall be evaluated as per the evaluation criteria specified in the RFP. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations.

A mandatory Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the Power Plant I Administration Building in Lower Base, Saipan on **September 10, 2015 at 10:30 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visits to Power Plant 1, Power Plant 2, and Power Plant 4 facilities will be arranged. Proposers should familiarize themselves with the site conditions at each facility so all sites can be evaluated properly.

Contract(s) will be awarded to the firm(s) submitting the most responsive proposal(s), and who is/are determined by CUC to be best qualified firm(s) to successfully perform the work, and to meet all other requirements thereof. CUC reserves the rights, nevertheless, to accept a proposal other than the lowest, if it determines that CUC's interest will be best served by doing so, or to reject any and all proposals or parts of proposals received.

Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 22, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Stipulated Order 2 Project Coordinator via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

JOHN RIEGEL
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

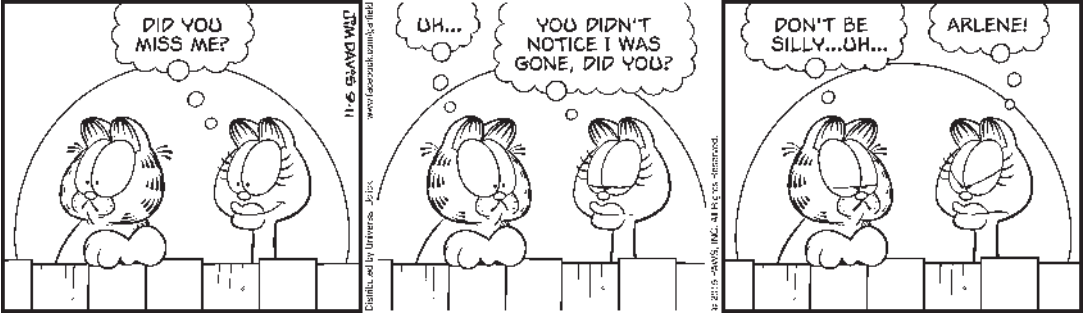
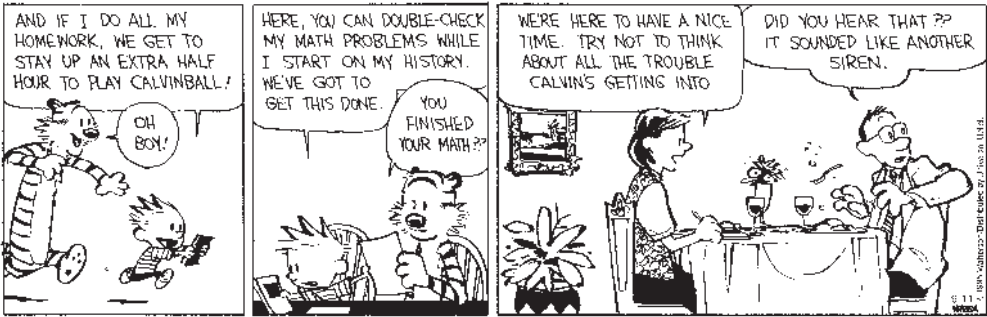
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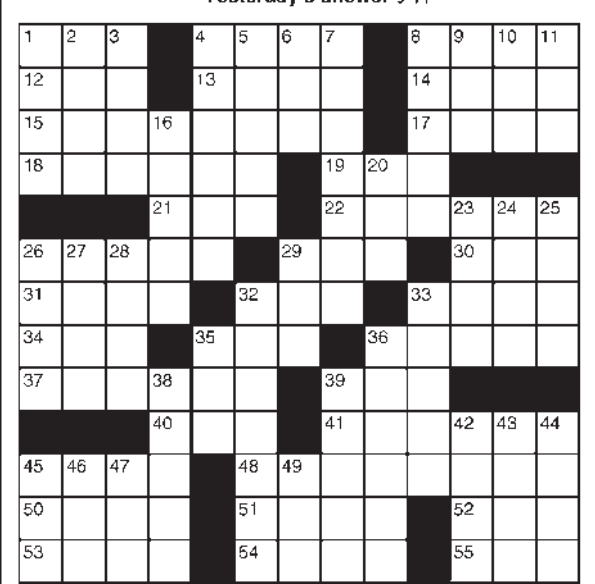
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Mike Comrie, 35; Taraji P. Henson, 45; Harry Connick Jr., 48; Virginia Madsen, 54.

Happy Birthday: Expect the unexpected this year and handle whatever comes your way like a pro. Overreacting will be what holds you back and could send the wrong signal to the people you are dealing with. Put more time and energy into your domestic environment and making it work. Keeping the peace and improving your surroundings will pay off. Your numbers are 2, 8, 13, 21, 23, 34, 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get together with the people who are able to contribute to your goal. Put your best foot forward and show off your skills. The impressions you leave will lead to positive changes in the way others treat you. Love is in the stars. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your goal should be to finish what you start. Don't let a personal matter interfere with your responsibilities. Organization and preparation along with keeping things as simple as possible will help you excel and send a message to anyone who doubts your abilities. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stick close to home. As soon as you venture out, you will have a tendency to overspend, overdo or overreact. Cut your losses by focusing on what you can do within the confines of your own space. Romance is a favorable option. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The more you do for yourself and the less you rely on others, the better. Accept the inevita-

ble and don't get mixed up in other people's melodramas. Engage in projects that make good use of your time and bring you satisfaction. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let instability cause you to falter. Believe in your abilities and trust that everything will turn in your favor. The way you execute your plans will win over even your most difficult skeptic. Personal improvements will boost your confidence. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): An unusual relationship will develop with someone you meet at an event or while socializing. Before you share too much information, consider any ulterior motives that may be behind this person's interest. Get background information before you proceed. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Participate in events that make you feel useful and bring you satisfaction. A change in position or status due to the contributions you make will pose some questions from friends or family members. Be honest as well as true to your desires. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take precautions when engaging in physical activity. It's important not to overdo it or to let anger take over if someone competes with you. A positive change at home will come about through an unusual set of circumstances. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will face opposition if you are too bold or self-indulgent. Make personal changes that will add to your appeal or enhance your living situation. Physical exercise will be a good way to blow off steam. **

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take time to observe what is going on around you. If you take what someone says as fact, you are likely to be disappointed. Stay in control and do what you do best and you will come out a winner. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make changes to your livelihood and to the relationships that you want to nurture. Working from home or finding a way to work alongside someone you love will bring high returns. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Consider what you enjoy doing and look for a way to turn that passion into an income. Taking pleasure in what you do will ensure that you do a stellar job. Opportunities are within your reach if you consider taking on a partner. ***

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

7	2	3	6	9	4	1	8	5
1	9	8	3	5	2	4	6	7
5	6	4	1	8	7	2	3	9
6	1	2	4	7	9	3	5	8
4	7	9	8	3	5	6	1	2
3	8	5	2	1	6	9	7	4
8	5	6	9	2	3	7	4	1
9	4	7	5	6	1	8	2	3
2	3	1	7	4	8	5	9	6

WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

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All positions close 5:00pm on Thursday, September 24, 2015.
Applications are available at the Marianas Medical Center. A valid police clearance no more than six (6) months old is required with each application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Wireless Ridge Landscaping is an equal opportunity employer.

Century Hotel is inviting qualified U.S. Citizens to apply for the following vacant position

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Application may be picked up and submitted to Fiesta Resort's security office located in the South Wing. A drug test must be passed as a condition of employment.
Closing date: September 16, 2015

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 04-2015

Opening date: September 7, 2015 **Closing date: September 21, 2015**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) announces the following job vacancy:

Position: (1) Mechanic-II (ARFF)
(1) Ports Police/ARFF Trainee (Tinian)
(1) Radio Operator/Weather Observer (Tinian)
(2) Custodial/ Maintenance-I (Rota)
(1) Secretary-II (Port of Saipan)
(1) AOA Controller-I (Saipan)
(1) Ports Police/ARFF Trainee (Rota)
(1) Tariff Technician-I (Port of Saipan)
(1) Tariff Technician-I (Rota)

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official sealed transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Failure to provide any of the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening, 10 year Criminal History Record Check and 49 CFR Part 1542.209(d) Requirements. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents to the CPA Administration Office is no later than **4:30 p.m., Monday, September 21, 2015.**

Detailed information on qualifications and position description for the above positions shall be picked up along with the application form during regular working hours at the CPA's Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Saipan International Airport, Arrival Wing. For additional information, please contact the Ms. Addy C. Manahane, by email at acmanahane@cpa.gov.mp or by phone at (670) 237-6500.

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Cespedes, Mets rally past Nationals again for 3-game sweep



WASHINGTON (AP)—

Yoenis Cespedes hit a go-ahead homer in the eighth inning moments after pinch-hitter Kelly Johnson connected for a game-leveling shot as the New York Mets rallied past the Washington Nationals 5-3 Wednesday for a pivotal three-game sweep.

Jacob deGrom (13-7) pitched seven strong innings in a tight duel with Nationals starter Stephen Strasburg, who struck out a season-high 13.

Cardinals 4, Cubs 3

In St. Louis, Matt Carpenter tripled and scored twice, and Stephen Piscotty doubled in the decisive run as St. Louis beat Chicago to end a three-game skid.

The NL Central leaders scored three times in the eighth inning to avoid their first sweep at home this season and their first against the Cubs since September 2010.

Red Sox 10, Blue Jays 4

In Boston, David Ortiz hit a three-run shot for his 498th home run as Boston beat AL East-leading Toronto to hand the Blue Jays just their second series loss since late July.

Joe Kelly (10-6) won his eighth consecutive start, the longest stretch by a Red Sox pitcher since Hall of Famer Pedro Martinez won nine straight in 1999.

Orioles 5, Yankees 3

In New York, CC Sabathia's strong start in his return from the disabled list was undone by Stephen Drew's fielding misplays at second base as Baltimore rallied past New York.

Steve Pearce hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning for the Orioles off Adam Warren (6-6).

Pirates 5, Reds 4

In Cincinnati, Reds star Joey Votto went berserk after a called strike and got ejected, with teammates and even an umpire needing to hold him back in Cincinnati's loss to Pittsburgh.

Jung Ho Kang hit Pittsburgh's first grand slam of the season, a tiebreaking shot in the sixth inning. The Pirates hold the top spot in the NL wild-card race.

Braves 8, Phillies 1

In Philadelphia, Julio Teheran threw seven impressive innings and Christian Bethancourt hit a go-ahead homer as Atlanta beat Philadelphia.

Teheran (10-7) gave up one run and four hits to help Atlanta take two of three and avoid tying the Phillies for the worst record in the majors. The Braves had lost 12 in a row and 19 of 20 before coming to Philadelphia.

Rays 8, Tigers 0

In Detroit, Jake Odorizzi pitched six strong innings as Tampa Bay hit four homers in a rout of Detroit.

Odorizzi (7-8) held the Tigers to six hits and a walk while striking out six. Logan Forsythe, Tim Beckham, J.P. Arenz and Mikie Mahtook went



deep for the Rays.

Marlins 5, Brewers 2

In Miami, Tom Koehler tied career highs with 10 strikeouts in eight innings and Christian Yelich had a tiebreaking, two-run double in the seventh as Miami beat Milwaukee.

Koehler (9-13) won for the first time since July 23 at San

Diego, ending a seven-game losing streak. He allowed two runs and four hits.

A.J. Ramos pitched the ninth for his 25th save in 31 chances.

Indians 6, White Sox 4

In Chicago, Francisco Lindor had three hits, including a home run, and Jose Ramirez also went deep in Cleveland's victory over

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New York Mets' Yoenis Cespedes hits a two-run home run during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Washington Nationals at Nationals Park, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015, in Washington.

Chicago.

Josh Tomlin (5-1) allowed three runs in 5 2-3 innings to win his fifth straight. Cody Allen allowed a run in the ninth before securing his 30th save.

Astros 11, Athletics 5

In Oakland, California, Collin McHugh earned his 16th win and Houston hit four home runs to beat Oakland, avoiding a series sweep.

Colby Rasmus, Evan Gattis, Carlos Gomez and Marwin Gonzalez homered for the Astros, who increased their AL West lead over Texas to two games. They are tied with Toronto for the major league lead with 192 home runs.

Mariners 6, Rangers 0

In Seattle, Vidal Nuno allowed one hit over seven dominant innings for his first victory in more than a year, and Mark Trumbo and Kyle Seager each had four hits and a two-run homer to lead

Seattle past Texas.

Nuno (1-2) had gone 20 starts without a win, which was tied with Atlanta right-hander Shelby Miller for the longest active stretch in the majors. The left-hander struck out a career-high 10 and yielded only Prince Fielder's first-inning single.

Angels 3, Dodgers 2

In Anaheim, California, Albert Pujols drove in Kole Calhoun with the tiebreaking run in the eighth inning as the Los Angeles Angels ended their eight-game skid in the Freeway Series with a victory over the Dodgers.

Calhoun doubled into the right-field corner leading off the eighth against Luis Avilan (2-5). Pujols then bounced a one-out single through the middle against Pedro Baez.

Twins 3, Royals 2, 12 innings

In Kansas City, Missouri, pinch-hitter Miguel Sano homered with two outs in the 12th inning as Minnesota beat Kansas City.

Sano was stuck in an 0-for-14

slump that included 11 strikeouts when he stepped to the plate against Franklin Morales (3-2), the Royals' sixth reliever of the night.

Diamondbacks 2, Giants 1

In Phoenix, Zack Godley pitched six effective innings as Arizona intentionally loaded the bases to get out of a seventh-inning jam and beat San Francisco.

Godley (5-1) was sharp in his last start before heading to the bullpen, allowing a run and three hits.

Jarrod Saltalamacchia homered for the second straight game, a two-run shot off Chris Heston (11-10). Ender Inciarte had three hits.

Padres 11, Rockies 4

In San Diego, Matt Kemp and Jedd Gyorko homered, and James Shields pitched San Diego past Colorado.

The Padres had 18 hits in winning their second straight after a four-game skid.

San Diego scored four runs in the third to take a 6-2 lead. The big blow was Gyorko's three-run homer.



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HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE



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POSITION/TITLE: EARLY HEAD START/HEAD START ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT NO.: PSS-2015-129

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LOCATION: PSS, EARLY HEAD START/HEAD START PROGRAM

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Patriots get to play football instead of talk about them



FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—The New England Patriots' fourth Super Bowl banner will be unveiled at Gillette Stadium on Thursday night.

The fans will have their first chance to shower quarterback Tom Brady with adulation since a federal judge vacated the four-game suspension he was handed in the NFL's botched "Deflategate" investigation.

Oh, yeah, they'll play an actual football game, too.

Seven months after claiming the franchise's fourth NFL title, the Patriots return to the field for the season opener against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the league's annual kickoff game. Even for a team that's made its reputation on avoiding distractions, the competition will provide a welcome relief from a summer of talk about deflated footballs and the ideal gas law.

"It's time for me to do my job," Brady said this week when he spoke to reporters for the first time since the news conference for his third Super Bowl MVP award.

"Anything that's happened over the last seven months really wasn't my job. This is what my job is, is to go out there and try to be a great leader for our team, to try to go out and execute the plays that are called and execute them at a high level. That's where my focus is."

The victory for Brady and the players' union left Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger with mixed emotions.

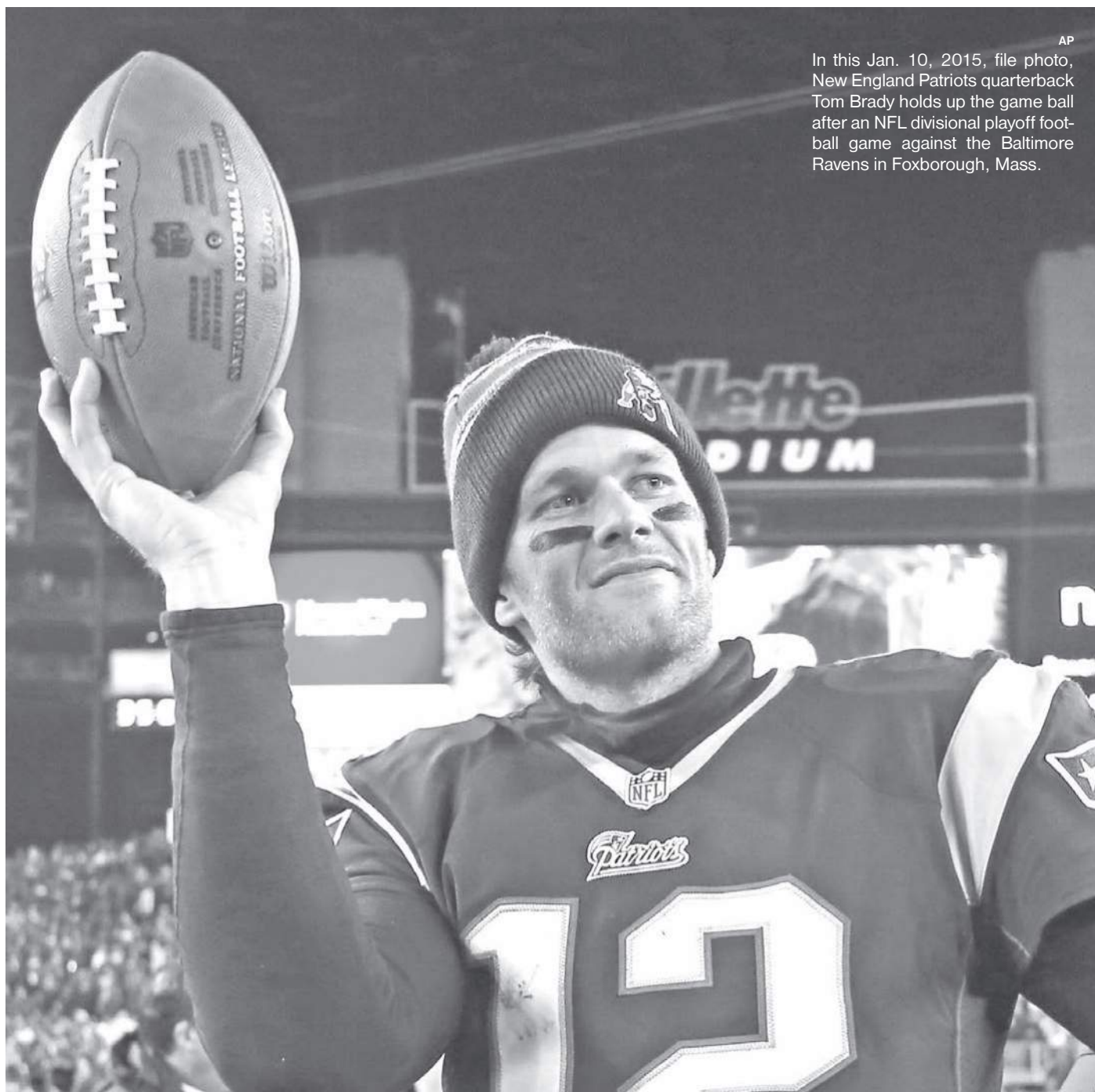
"I still have a ton of respect for Tom. I think he is the best in the business. If you want to be the best you have to beat the best," he said. "Yeah, of course one part of you doesn't want him out there because he is the best in the world, but a bigger part of you as a competitor wants him out there because he is the best."

Here are some other things to look for in Thursday night's game:

BANNER NIGHT: The Super Bowl banner has already been raised, but it remains covered. The three previous championship banners have been moved, and the Patriots removed the one dedicated to their 16-0 regular season in 2007.

Team president Jonathan Kraft said during the broadcast of the Patriots' exhibition finale that the team would have postponed the ceremony if Brady was suspended for the game. Kraft said the team planned for an alternate banner that would note some of Brady's accomplishments, such as four NFL titles and three Super Bowl MVPs.

"Rest assured, Super Bowl XLIX's banner was not being raised if Tom Brady was not



AP
In this Jan. 10, 2015, file photo, New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady holds up the game ball after an NFL divisional playoff football game against the Baltimore Ravens in Foxborough, Mass.

on the field," Kraft said. "He needed to be here the first game that that banner existed in the stadium."

COMMISSIONER OMISION: NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, the focus of Patriots fans' anger during the

"Deflategate" investigation, will skip the opener.

"He believes that the focus should be on the game on the

field and the festivities celebrating the Patriots' Super Bowl championship," league spokesman Brian McCarthy

said. "Goodell has attended the other kickoff games, but does not have a function there that requires him to attend."

IN A RUSH: The Steelers promoted longtime linebackers coach Keith Butler to defensive coordinator in January and tasked him with restoring some bite to a pass rush that has been largely benign the last four years. The results during the preseason were uneven at best, though Butler remains confident - even though the Steelers are just 2-7 against Brady during his career and have never beaten him on the road, losing the three games in Foxboro by an average of 20.3 points, including a 55-31 mauling in 2013.

"You don't have to cover people if you get to the quarterback," Butler said. "Can we get to Brady before he throws the ball? We'll see. We can't let him throw where he wants to."

SUPER SUBS?: Pittsburgh will open the season without three vital pieces of an offense that ranked second in the league a year ago. All-Pro running back Le'Veon Bell is suspended for the first two games, and wide receiver Martavis Bryant is out four weeks for running afoul of league policy. Center Maurkice Pouncey is sidelined until November at the earliest with a left ankle injury. In their stead are the likes of DeAngelo Williams, Darrius Heyward-Bey and Cody Wallace, fill-ins that will need to play more like starters if the Steelers are going to survive the league's toughest schedule.

At 34, even Federer wowed by quality of his play at US Open

NEW YORK (AP)—Even Roger Federer is wowed by how well he's playing at 34—and the ease with which he's winning at this U.S. Open.

Federer is into his 10th semifinal at Flushing Meadows, and record 38th at all major tournaments. To get back to his first final in New York since 2009, he'll have to beat someone he knows quite well: Swiss Olympic and Davis Cup teammate Stan Wawrinka.

The No. 2-seeded Federer and No. 5 Wawrinka won quarterfinals about as handily as can be Wednesday night.

Federer never faced a break point, compiled a remarkable 50-8 advantage in winners, and needed less than 1 1/2 hours to dismiss 12th-seeded Richard Gasquet of France 6-3, 6-3, 6-1 in Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"It's nice to play this way," Federer said. "And, maybe at my age, to run through five opponents the way I have done here at the U.S. Open, I don't consider that normal, to be quite honest, even though I ex-

pect it in some ways."

Not only has Federer won all 15 sets he's played, he has only dropped 44 games. He has won 67 of his 69 service games. And he's done it while playing attacking tennis; against Gasquet, he won the point on 22 of 28 trips to the net.

"I don't feel like I'm as old as I am. I still feel young," Federer said. "So it's nice to get rewarded with the hard work and (know) that, actually, I'm able to play sort of 'fun' tennis."

He hasn't won a major title since Wimbledon in 2012, losing finals there to No. 1 Novak Djokovic last year and this July.

"It's just nice to see how he's moving," Wawrinka said about Federer. "You think he's flying on the court."

And make no mistake: Wawrinka has been watching.

He even pulled out one of Federer's tricks—a recently developed tactic of charging to the service line for a second-serve return—while eliminating 15th-seeded Kev-

in Anderson of South Africa 6-4, 6-4, 6-0.

Moved from Ashe to Louis Armstrong Stadium because of two lengthy women's quarterfinals plus a 1 1/2-hour rain delay earlier, the match took 1 hour, 47 minutes in all, but the third set, in particular, was dominated by Wawrinka, who won 24 of its 29 points.

Wawrinka solved the 6-foot-8 Anderson's serve, converting 5 of 8 break points. Anderson had been broken a total of four times through his first four matches combined, including his surprise of 2012 U.S. Open champion Andy Murray.

Anderson called that victory, which put him into the quarterfinals at a major for the first time after previously going 0-7 in fourth-round matches, "a big moment."

"I felt I did a good job of resetting myself and getting ready for this next match," Anderson said. "Wasn't meant to

be today. Stan didn't make it easy."

Most of his career, Wawrinka has lived in the shadow of his older—and far more successful—countryman, Federer. Wawrinka didn't break through with his first Grand Slam title until the 2014 Australian Open. He added No. 2 this year at the French Open, beating Federer in the quarterfinals along the way.

Still, that was only Wawrinka's third victory in 19 career matches against Federer. They're good friends and paired up to win a gold medal in doubles at the 2008 Olympics.

"Stan played a wonderful match against me in Paris, and I was very happy for him that he went on to win the tournament. He deserved it. He's been such a great player throughout his career. He always improved a lot, kept on working really hard," Federer said.

"Couldn't be happier to play him here, to be quite honest," Federer added. "Two Swiss in the semis of the U.S. Open—it's very cool for both of us."

In Friday's other semifinal, Djokovic will face defending champion Marin Cilic. Djokovic won all 13 previous meetings.

The women's semifinals are scheduled for Thursday night, although there is rain in the forecast: No. 1 Serena Williams vs. unseeded Roberta Vinci of Italy, and No. 2 Simona Halep vs. No. 26 Flavia Pennetta of Italy. It's the first time two Italian women reached the semifinals at the same major.

Halep and Pennetta advanced Wednesday by beating two-time major champions. Halep composed herself after a third-set rain break and defeated Victoria Azarenka 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, while Pennetta beat Kvitova 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Williams is chasing tennis' first calendar-year Grand Slam since Steffi Graf did it 1988.



New basketball league opens next month

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A new basketball competition dubbed the San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League will unfurl next month at the San Antonio court.

The inaugural league is eyeing an Oct. 3 opening and will have three divisions: 18-and-under, 19-and-above, and 40-and-above. League coordinator Boy Garcia said they are hoping to have eight teams in each division and so far several squads have already signified their intention to join the inaugural competition. In the 18-and-under category, four teams have committed to play, while five each have shown

interest in the 19-and-above and 40-and-above divisions.

Games will be played every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, with the schedule matches per division to be determined later depending on the number of teams that will sign up for the league. A series of meetings will be scheduled before the target opening day to brief participating teams on developments in the league.

For more information, contact Garcia at 989-6386.

Suspended games resume

Meanwhile, in other basketball updates, the two suspended matches in the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League will be played this weekend at the Navy Hill court. League coordinator Elmer

Esdrelon said the Oh My J-Purple Rain duel and Red Rice-Hard Kulangot tiff will resume either this Saturday or Sunday after the two regular matches scheduled this weekend.

Oh My J was enjoying a 34-17 halftime spread against Purple Rain when their Sept. 5 match was halted due to lack of light at the court. The Red Rice-Hard Kulangot suffered the same fate in their Sept. 6 showdown with the latter holding on to a 25-24 lead at the 16:50 mark of the second half.

Before the continuation of the two matches, Pasion De Amor and Wag Kang Pabebe will play first today at 5:30pm. Pasion De Amor will try to regroup after a sorry loss to Hard Kulangot in overtime, 81-85. All three teams along with Oh My J are tied for

second place in the team standings with their similar 2-1 records, one win behind the leading Makalaro Lang (3-1).

Kidlat (1-2) and Purple Rain (1-1), which are at the bottom half of the team standings, will collide this Saturday at 5:30pm. After the Purple Rain-Kidlat match and if the court is still playable, either one of two suspended matches (depending on the availability of the teams) will be played next, while the other one will take place this Sunday before the league starts the final half of its round-robin elimination games.

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Oh My J's Mark Asuhan drives against two Purple Rain players during the first half of their suspended game in the Blue Haus-IT&E caging last week at the Navy Hill court.



Saipan earns hosting of U21 BCO event

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Saipan was awarded the hosting rights for Baseball Confederation of Oceania's Under-21 tournament set either in December 2015 or in January 2016.

Saipan Baseball League coordinator Tony Rogolifoi said the tournament could be held either on the week after the Christmas holiday or the second week of January 2016.

Rogolifoi, who is also the Northern Marianas Sports Association's executive director, added that with the hosting finally given to Saipan, he now awaits the confirmation of six



other countries under the region's governing sports body.

Guam is the other team that confirmed its participation aside from the hosts. Australia, New Zealand, American Samoa, Fiji, New Caledonia, and Palau have yet to send word that they would be joining the tournament.

The Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, and the Solomon Islands are the other BCO members.

Rogolifoi has been working hard to bring the tournament to

Saipan believing that it would further promote the growth of the sport on the island and would also be a good preparation for the inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic also set next year.

"We're more than willing to host the other countries so they could get a chance to see Saipan and get to know our local culture," said Rogolifoi in an earlier interview.

Rogolifoi is also helping the Division of Youth Services in organizing the 2015 Triple A Youth Baseball League Summer/Fall season in October.

Rogolifoi said that players that would participate in the DYS-backed league would earn the chance of being chosen to be members of the CNMI U21 All-

Star team that would see action in the BCO tournament

The Francisco M. "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field, the island's lone public baseball facility, however, needs to be spruced up quickly after suffering damage when Typhoon Soudelor pummeled Saipan last Aug. 2.

Some of the field's lights were either missing or not aligned and needs to be fixed after NMSA's initial inspection. The surrounding fence and other areas of the facility, including the batting cages, were also damaged and needs to be repaired.

Games in Little League Asia-Pacific-Middle East Regional Baseball Tournament in the Junior, Senior, and Big League divisions from late June to early July this year were also held at the Tan Ko field.

with the world's best, we have no regrets. Other teams competing had a new crew for each event. We only went with a total of eight team members so we essentially had the same core guys for every event. Also as a crew, our race experience is very limited compared to our competition."

Manning said that it would be hard to keep the team intact for other off-island tournaments. "Ultimately you would have the same crew members compete over a period of time but this is hard to sustain. Other commitments take over."

"Also, the members of the Pacific Games crew came from different clubs so the structure would probably be similar in the future where open tryouts are held," added Manning.

The CNMI is among the 36-member countries under the International Va'a Federation. Va'a competitions in the Port Moresby Pacific Games were held in Lancron Naval Base.

Aside from Manning and Kabriel, other members of the team are Jose Quan, Carter Calma, Jayson Tarkong, Joshua Andrew, Joe Ayuyu Jr., and Ben Olopai.

500m and 15-kilometer long distance single man events.

Though they failed to medal or even reach the finals of the four events they competed in, Manning was satisfied with the team's performance given the odds that they went up against.

"With the resources that we had, time we trained together, and the level of competition we were going against, we finished about where I expected," he said.

Team CNMI finished fourth in Heat 2 of the 500m race (2:40.40) and was 0.33 seconds behind Guam's 2:24.37 in the Repackage with a time of 2:25.10. They also finished fourth in the 1,500m event's second heat (10:29.92) and was more than 40 seconds behind Fiji's 9:22.34 in the Repechage after clocking 10:05.26.

It was the same story for Kabriel after finishing third both in the first heat of the 500m singles (2:54.10) and Repechage (2:56.11). He then placed seventh out of eight paddlers in the 15K long distance race (1:48:42.35).

"While we learned a lot about what we need to do to compete

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dlesports such as oneman, v1, standup paddleboarding."

Manning said the one-man standup paddleboard is a good training tool since it would teach an individual to move the paddleboard through the water more efficiently.

"There is a direct crossover to the six-man canoe and you don't have to wait for five others to go paddle which allows for an increase in training time. This puts everyone on the same page when you come together to paddle for the six-man canoe," said Manning.

He added that it was really hard to compete with the region's traditional powerhouse teams like Tahiti, New Caledonia, Fiji, and the Cook Islands. "For a team like Tahiti, paddling is their national sport. For other powerhouses such as New Caledonia, Fiji, and Cook Islands, they race at a high level both locally and internationally consistently."

The CNMI va'a team competed in the 500-meter and 1,500m events, while Ketson "Jack" Kabriel participated both in the

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minutes later, China finally found the back of the net. Next to check in for the visiting squad were Andruw Omelau, Logan Mister, Sebastien Manabat, and David Mafnas, while China also substituted its starters and got two more goals midway in the second half.

"Our defense was getting tired in the second half. China scored in the final half, but they had to work hard to get those. Logan made some good saves on defense, while Andruw popped a couple of balls over the defense and let Jonah and David take a few runs at the goal. I think we had a few more attempts in the second half than the first," Chambers said.

"We were very pleased with the outcome of the game. The boys really played as a team and kept their 'shape' (that was what I heard the coaches saying). The game really put us all in good mood for the rest of the day. We heard that the other game this morning (last Wednesday) between Japan and Macau was something like 14-0 in favor of Japan. That made us feel even better that we held China to only three goals," Chambers said.

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Dan Holcomb as their new pitching coach this summer following the resignation of Nick McCurdy after the 2015 season.

Jones helped UWA clinch the GSC baseball crown after tossing 5.2 innings in start in the Tigers' 8-4 finals win over the Delta State University Statesmen.

It was the Tigers' second title after also clinching the regular season crown when they swept all of their four games in the GSC tournament. It was also UWA's third overall GSC trophy and first since 2005.

After completing their first game in the morning, the CNMI players held a practice session in the afternoon and an hour later watched the match between Korea and Guam.

"We arrived almost exactly on time (4pm), but the game had already started and North Korea had already scored. They continued to score about once every five minutes or so. It was painful to watch, not that we cared that much for Guam, but because we know that this ((North Korea)) will be the team we play last. We will really have to play very hard to not let North Korea score that much," the team manager said.

The Teen Ayuyus will challenge North Korea this Sunday at 9am for their final match in Group A. Yesterday the CNMI was scheduled to meet Chinese-Taipei also at 9am, while tomorrow the Commonwealth crew faces Guam at 4:30pm.

Hong Kong, South Korea, and Mongolia are the other teams participating in the festival and are grouped with Macau and Japan. Since the event follows a festival format, no champions will be declared, however the team with no yellow cards or fewest yellow cards will win the Fair Play award.

Jones, in the finals game, surrendered four earned runs but held the Statesmen to two hits before being relieved by winning pitcher Brandon Pennington in the bottom of the sixth.

The lefty pitcher, who joined three of his teammates in the 2015 GSC All-Tournament Team, also retired two and walked three.

Jones' efforts earned him praise from Rundles. "Jones showed what kind of competitor he is. He could pitch in the weekend rotation anywhere in this league. But he accepted his role this year and got us big with midweek wins."

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AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

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Toronto	79	60	.568	—
New York	77	61	.558	1½
Tampa Bay	68	71	.489	11
Baltimore	67	72	.482	12
Boston	66	73	.475	13

Central Division

Kansas City	83	56	.597	—
Minnesota	72	67	.518	11
Cleveland	68	70	.493	14½
Chicago	66	72	.478	16½
Detroit	64	75	.460	19

West Division

Houston	76	64	.543	—
Texas	73	65	.529	2
Los Angeles	70	69	.504	5½
Seattle	67	73	.479	9
Oakland	60	80	.429	16

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

New York	78	61	.561	—
Washington	71	68	.511	7
Miami	59	81	.421	19½
Atlanta	56	84	.400	22½
Philadelphia	54	86	.386	24½

Central Division

St. Louis	88	51	.633	—
Pittsburgh	83	55	.601	4½
Chicago	80	58	.580	7½
Milwaukee	61	78	.439	27
Cincinnati	57	81	.413	30½

West Division

Los Angeles	80	59	.576	—
San Francisco	72	68	.514	8½
Arizona	67	73	.479	13½
San Diego	67	73	.479	13½
Colorado	57	82	.410	23

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CNMI limits China to 3 goals



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Members of the CNMI U14 National Team perform warm-up drills during a training session at the Oleai Sports Complex Field last month. The squad is now in Beijing, competing in a festival against four other teams.

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The CNMI U14 National Team's defense held its ground against China in the first half of the opening game in the AFC U14 Regional Festival of Football 2015 before giving up three goals to the hosts in the second half last Wednesday at the National Football Training Centre in Beijing.

"The first half was a very exciting game. We held China to no goals," said team manager Derek Chambers in an email sent to Northern Mariana Islands Football Association officials.

Chambers added that the Teen Ayuyus had a couple of attempts in the first 30 minutes of play with the closest one coming from midfielder Jonathan Capayas.

"Jonathan had a beautiful shot that hit the cross bar, but bounced off. It was so close," the team manager said.

Capayas started out for the Luam Khen Koo-coached squad



along with goalie Clayton Izuka, fellow midfielders Joshua Abragan, Joshua De Leon, and Thaipi Austria, defenders Cole Chambers,

Cody Leon, Dai Podziewski, and Leandro Bichayda, and forwards Eddie Cho and John Michael Rojas.

Some of the starters eventually had to take a breather in the second half, as tournament rules require all players to see action in the game. John Joseph Bucayo came in for Izuka, while Johan Pohl and Mark Esalan also began to play for the CNMI in the second half and about 10

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'NMI paddlers need consistency, commitment'

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CNMI men's canoe (va'a) team coach Dino Manning believes Commonwealth paddlers need to race consistently and give a higher level of commitment to the sport if they want to someday reach the same level of the perennial medalists in the Pacific region.

"We need to race consistently

and the level of commitment to the sport needs to be at a higher level all together," said Manning, who was part of the CNMI's eight-member va'a team that competed in this year's XV Port Moresby Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea.

Manning added that one way to further develop future paddlers is promote other

disciplines like the one-man, standup paddleboarding.

"In my opinion, the single best way to increase the level of paddling in the CNMI is to have more people paddling one-man paddle craft. An increase in water time and cross training with other pad-



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Jones, Tigers start preparing for new season

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Josh Jones and the University of West Alabama Tigers will start their preparations to defend their Gulf South Conference Baseball Tournament crown when they open training camp on Monday.

Jones, who said that he'd spent a great summer vacation, added the Sept. 14 opening of their practice is based on NCAA practice rules requirements.

"I enjoyed the weather and playing a bit of softball and baseball just to stay loose when I head back for school and baseball."

"Our season starts in the spring. So we use the entire fall season to prepare for the start of the tournament in spring."

Jones added that they expect a packed schedule of practice this fall as West Alabama baseball coach Gary Rundles had lined them up to a number of exhibition matches.

"For the fall, we will be having exhibition matches against

Junior College teams. After that we will split our team in half and play each other in a best of seven game series," Jones told *Saipan Tribune*.

"As of right now, the pitchers are working out together

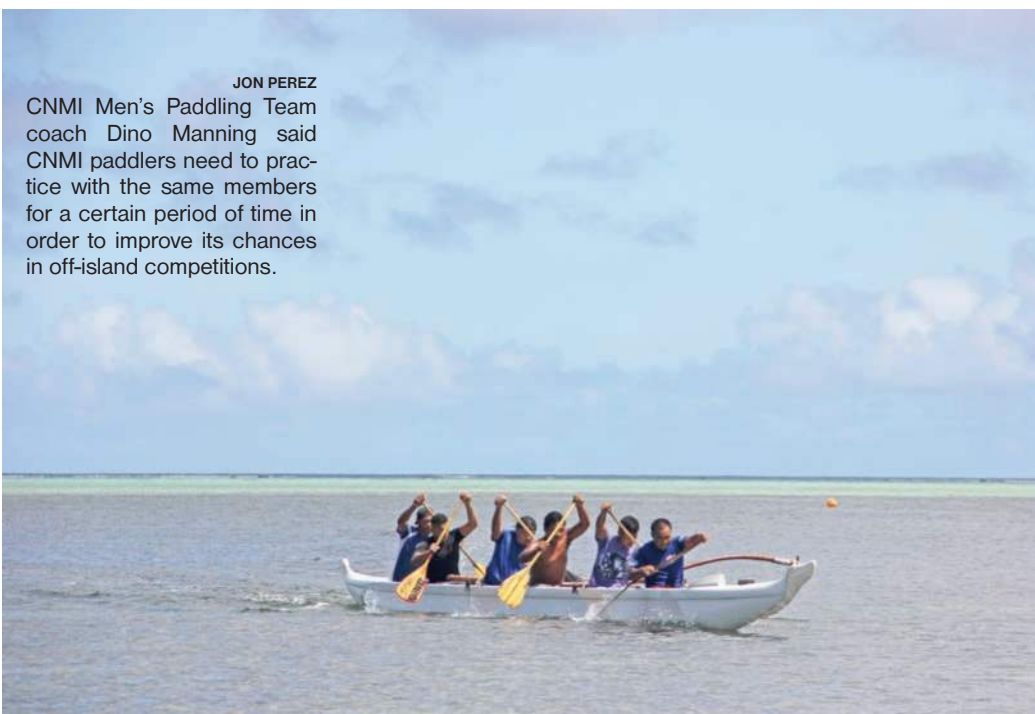
and the position players have their own thing," added the former Saipan Little League standout.

The Tigers also welcomed

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CNMI Men's Paddling Team coach Dino Manning said CNMI paddlers need to practice with the same members for a certain period of time in order to improve its chances in off-island competitions.